



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



GHS wrestling begins... 1B

Pipe over AuSable removed



The pipe over the AuSable River in front of Ray's Canoe Livery was removed last week, permanently. Workers from the City of Grayling and Jack Millikin Inc. took out the pipe on Wednesday, December 1, for "environmental and aesthetic" reasons, city officials said. The effort was completed in conjunction with the Health Department and the DEQ. The sewer pipe, which was put in approximately five decades ago, no longer served any purpose following the recent reworking of the Crawford County Library's septic system. Ray's owner Steve Southard was excited to hear the news of the city's plan to take out the pipe. "Excellent!" he exclaimed. *Arrow points out layers of duct tape repairs.

Photos courtesy of the City of Grayling

Road board hearing gets off to slow start

► About 25 disappointed faces left courtroom as County Board grants closed session

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Within an hour of the scheduled start time of a public hearing regarding alleged violations of the Open Meetings Act by Road Board members, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners honored a request to go into closed session.

"We knew if they asked for a closed session, we didn't have a choice but to honor it," said County Chair Lynnette Corlew. "Our board is obligated to honor that law, in all fairness."

Frank Eaman, legal counsel for Raymond Swiercz and Robert Nelson at the hearing, made the request for a closed session, citing

laws that allow appointed officials some privacy when facing disciplinary action.

"Contrary to some citizens' beliefs, this is not a witch hunt," Corlew said. "Allegations of wrongdoing were made and, not wishing to be prejudiced in anyway, we passed it on to our legal adviser."

Corlew added, "We would've been derelict in our duties had we ignored the alleged violations. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the accused to defend their actions and refute the allegations if they so wish."

The hearing, which is expected to be closed, is scheduled to continue at 9 a.m. on both December 21 and 22.

Council completes interviews for new Grayling city manager

► Seven candidates interview; City hopes to have manager in place by January 1

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council is one step closer to choosing the next city manager.

The council finished interviews this week, after narrowing the field of 11 applicants to eight. One declined the interview invitation, leaving seven candidates.

Through a series of three special meetings over the course of the past few weeks, the council interviewed each of the remaining seven applicants.

Mayor Marilyn Palmer facilitated the interviews, working from a set list of 30-plus questions.

Questions included: what are the duties of a city manager and city council, how do you prioritize tasks, what are your strengths and areas

for improvement, experience in budgeting and zoning, stance on a Downtown Development Authority for Grayling, and identifying the key issues for the future of the city, among many others.

After finishing up with the seventh candidate at a special meeting this Monday, the council decided to further narrow the field and concentrate on the strongest candidates.

The council members decided to eliminate two of those interviewed, and selected a top three of the remaining five to "focus" on.

The council will now start a process of checking up on each of the top three candidates, two of which are not from the Grayling area. The checks will include visiting the communities of the out-of-town candidates to speak with employers and coworkers, in addition to checking references with phone calls, council members said.

An exact hire date is unclear at this point, but Mayor Palmer said she would like to have the next manager in place by January 1.

County Board miffed by Huss' unauthorized postponement

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Less than a week before a scheduled public hearing called by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of letting two members of the Road Commission defend themselves on alleged Open Meetings Act violations, County Prosecutor John Huss took the wind out of the commissioners' sails by postponing the hearing.

County Chair Lynnette Corlew

said she became a little concerned over the Thanksgiving weekend because she had heard nothing from the Prosecutor's office regarding contact of witnesses. Corlew left a message on County Controller Paul Compo's voice mail advising him of her concerns and asked him to check with Huss on the progress.

According to Corlew, Compo returned her call, telling her that no

witnesses had been contacted. In a conversation between Huss and Corlew, he told her that he wanted to postpone the hearing. Corlew told him, "absolutely not," and reminded him that both parties had 45 days to prepare for the hearing and the situation had "dragged on long enough."

Corlew told Huss it was time to get some letters out and he ques-

tioned whether he had the authority to subpoena witnesses for the hearing. It was later learned by Corlew that County Vice Chair Beth Wieland had done some investigating and discovered the County Chair has the power to subpoena witnesses and advised Huss of the discovery early on.

Witnesses expected to be called by the County possibly requiring a subpoena are Road Commission

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Man charged for providing alcohol to rock throwing teens

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Just as some readers were picking up their copy of the December 2 issue of the *Traverse City Record Eagle*, where law enforcement and Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss were chastised on Page 8A for failing to do their jobs, Johnnie Johnson III was being arraigned in 83rd District Court for allegedly furnishing alcohol to minors involved in a September incident of rock throwing from an I-75 overpass.

A warrant for Johnson's arrest was authorized on November 19 by Huss and signed by the Michigan State Police on November 22 — two months after the incident occurred and just days after a follow-up article on the case appeared in the *Traverse City paper*.

Johnson, of Grayling, plead not guilty to charges of alcohol selling/furnishing to minors at his December 2 arraignment before Judge John Hunter. He did not request a court appointed attorney nor has he indicated retention of legal counsel on his behalf.

Sources to the *Avalanche* said Hunter got information from one of the juveniles regarding who furnished the alcohol they drank prior to their dangerous late night escapade on the Hartwick Pines Road overpass, then ordered the 22-year old Johnson be brought before the court.

The alleged violation is a misdemeanor that comes with a mandatory \$1,000 fine, up to 60 days in jail and an undetermined amount of community service. Johnson is currently free on an interim \$100 bond.

At least three vehicles were reportedly hit by rocks that night, allegedly thrown by three local juveniles — one 15-year old and two 13-year old boys.

Johnson is due back in District Court on January 4, 2000 for a jury trial status hearing.

Bells ring out at annual Christmas Special

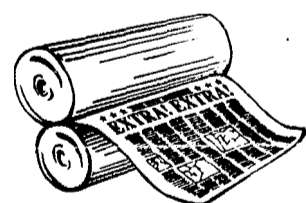
Full house enjoys another CASD cultural event



The Annual Christmas Special was performed to a full house last Thursday, with a return of an audience favorite, the Classical Bells. The story of the nativity included the Three Kings or Magi, and the gift of song from the little drummer boy. The evening also included the Royal Oak Children's Choir, Michigan Opera Singers, the Oakland Brass and a mysterious snowfall.

Photos by Cheryl Ruley

Goodfellow papers to hit the streets



The Kiwanis Club of Grayling will hit the streets this weekend on Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11, with their annual Christmas Goodfellow newspaper.

Donations will be accepted for a copy of the newspaper and all money earned from the paper will go back into the community for various projects.

Kiwanis members said they hope the public will enjoy the cartoons and Christmas wishes from your fellow merchants and townspeople.

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Cash cans may not be approved by Marines

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Christian Help Center Director Gerry Schroeder was contacted early this week by a Marine Corps member out of Grand Rapids, because he spotted a Toys For Tots money collection canister at a local business.

"The Marines authorize the collection of new, unwrapped toys only during their campaign," Schroeder said.

Schroeder and Crawford County Toys for Tots coordinator Marianne Gosnell are concerned that someone may be trying to collect money while giving the impression that the funds will go to the Marine Corps pet project.

"We will also be checking with Marine officials in Saginaw to see if there is a canister program that we are unaware of," said Schroeder.

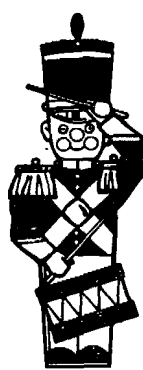


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

OH, CHRISTMAS TREE - Crawford County Sheriff's Reserve Officer George Berger and Corrections Officer Amanda Rohn spruce up the Christmas trees being sold to help raise money for Toys for Tots and other local youth programs. The trees will be sold again this weekend, December 10-12, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., in the Grayling KMart parking lot. A variety of trees (pines, spruces and firs) will be sold at prices ranging from \$15-\$30.

Cell tower deal to get second look from County Board

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A land site lease between Crawford County and Cellular One will be looked into further regarding the market value of the deal.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners originally agreed to lease a small piece of land near the jail to Cellular One for the purpose of erecting a communications tower. In return, the county would receive the use of 12 cell phones with 60 minutes of air time per phone, per month.

County Controller Paul Compo

advised the board that minutes used on each phone would be monitored to assure their free air time would be used wisely. If the complimentary minutes were to become exhausted, a charge of six cents per minute to land-based telephones and \$3.55 per minute for cell calls would be assessed.

A few of the phones would be assigned, but the majority would be available to be signed out when needed by county officials and employees for use in the course of county business.

District #2 Scott Hanson aired his

concerns at the most recent board meeting that the commissioners determine the market value of the proposed tower. He cited the recent installation of a tower replacing the windmill behind Shoppenagon's Inn. "How much is that land owner getting?" he questioned. "This deal

will last about 25 years. We don't want the county to lose out on this deal."

The Board agreed unanimously that further investigation was needed into comparable tower land site leases before a final deal would be made.

Grayling schools receive grants for special programs

North Central Michigan Community Foundation's (NCMCF) Ogemaw, Roscommon, Crawford Area Youth Advisory Council (O.R.C.A. Y.A.C.) has announced grants to Grayling Middle School 7th Grade Theme Program and Grayling High School Positive Peer Involvement. The grants will be funded by an endowment estab-

lished by the W. K. Kellogg Challenge.

Grayling Middle School was awarded \$300 for its 7th Grade Theme Program entitled "Tolerance." The program is designed to help students develop an understanding for people who are different. The Positive Peer Involvement group at Grayling High School will receive a \$300 grant toward their Random Acts of Kindness project. The project promotes positive attitude and self esteem through recognition.

One of the main objectives of the student grant makers who are a part of O.R.C.A. Y.A.C. is to fund programs in the community that address alcohol and drug abuse, lack of recreational facilities and programmed activities, teen pregnancy, and low self esteem. NCMCF and its Youth Advisory Council are currently accepting grant applications for the winter grant cycle. Applications are available at the NCMCF office, 701 Lake Street in Roscommon or by calling (517) 275-3112. All completed applications must be returned by December 31, 1999.

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Posthumus shares storytime with toddlers



PROMOTING BOOKS — After a mid-morning meeting with county commissioner delegates in Grayling, Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus stopped in at Grayling Head Start to read a few books to the pre-schoolers there. In this photo, Posthumus was reading *Are You My Mother?* to a fully engrossed classroom. The Republican party is currently sponsoring a campaign to distribute books to young people around the state and encourage a love of reading.

Photo by Cheryl Ruley

County Board miffed by Huss' unauthorized postponement

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secretary Pauline Hatfield, Road Board Chair Raymond Swiercz and Vice Chair Robert Nelson. Those who Corlew figured would not require a subpoena would be their star witness and former Road Board member William Gannon, Detective Rich Meyers and union workers' bargaining agent Butch Carmien.

On December 1, Huss called Corlew into his office to inform her that he wanted to postpone the hearing and told her that the Road Commission's legal counsel needed

more time. "Mr. (William) Carey needs to petition the board," she replied.

Corlew stated it was then that Huss explained he had already advised Carey of the postponement, stating District #2 Commissioner Scott Hanson gave him the go ahead. Hanson vehemently denies ever giving such approval.

Confused over whether Huss had the authority to call off the scheduled hearing, Corlew met with Assistant County Prosecutor David Sabin who advised her that Huss

holds no authority to postpone a meeting or hearing called by the County Commissioners.

After hearing of her discussion with Sabin, Huss confronted Corlew with regard to seeking advice about his authority from his assistant. Corlew replied, "I will use the tools available to do the job I have been elected to do, and Dave Sabin was available."

Now what was supposed to be a public hearing on December 7 will be a meeting to set the ground rules for the real hearing scheduled for

December 21-22 — a sort of preliminary hearing. "It puts us (County Board) in an awkward position if we go against John (Huss)," Corlew said. "But, the people are expecting a hearing and we have to do something."

Corlew said her entire board is disappointed and even angered by Huss' actions. Word of the postponement quickly spread throughout the community. Corlew said she had received as many as 42 phone calls from angry constituents as of Thursday afternoon, December 2.

Census 2000 needs more northern Michigan workers

The good news is Michigan has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. The bad news is the relative lack of job seekers is keeping the U.S. Census Bureau from recruiting much needed enumerators for the first phase of Census 2000.

The hurdle is particularly acute in the rural northern Michigan areas where hand delivering the census questionnaire to homes of residents must be done. When a home does not have a city-style address then the Census Bureau hand delivers the mail. Some 4,200 people will be recruited throughout to fill the available positions in Alpena and other rural Michigan communities.

This is a great opportunity to get paid for helping your community. All people 18 years and older who are interested in working on this Census 2000 campaign can call toll-free, 1-888-325-7733.

"We are looking for people who may not necessarily be looking for work," says Census Recruiter Betty Hughes. "Since a great deal of work is done during evenings and weekends, we hire many people who are already employed and want to supplement their income. These are folks who don't scan the want ads, so we really have to beat the bushes to find them."

Most of the jobs last four to six weeks. Some positions will last longer. This is only the first part of an operation that doesn't start until early 2000. Opportunities for additional work and promotion are good.

Employers all over the state are having difficulty finding and keeping employees. But the Census Bureau's dilemma differs from that of the average employer. An accurate census count affects the economy of the region and the entire state. Census data is used to distribute

more than \$180 billion annually across the country.

The Census numbers are also used to determine federal legislative districts as well as countless business and marketing plans. The construction of many institutions and services, from schools to strip malls, is based on demographic information supplied by the Census Bureau. Thus, it is important to all residents of northern Michigan that everyone is counted in Census 2000.

Correction

In a caption next to a photo on Page 2A of last week's *Avalanche*, it was reported that Grayling City workers had installed a new septic system for the Crawford County Library. City workers were involved in the project, however local contractors performed the actual septic installation and plumbing for the project. Also, City Council members seated prior to the November 2 election, made the decision to go ahead with the project. We apologize for the error.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Michigan GOP pushes state controls

IT USED TO be a basic tenet of Republican political philosophy that government closest to the voters is the best government of all.

Somehow that idea seems to be fading as Republicans rule the roost in Lansing.

The latest example of "Lansing knows best" involves who should decide where employees of local governmental units may live.

The city council and other local governing bodies now make that decision, and may require employees to live within city or district limits.

Legislative Republicans have been pushing measures to prohibit local governments from imposing residency requirements.

Legislative Democrats, in general, have opposed the idea.

SOME CITIES -- Detroit, for the largest example -- require that city employees live in the city.

Fairness usually is cited as the primary reason: Folks who draw their pay from taxpayers should live among them.

There may be a dollar value on residency, too.

A recent city-sponsored study claimed that Detroit would lose up to \$25 million a year in tax revenue if 17,000 city employees moved to the suburbs.

Opponents hold that a city has no right to dictate where a worker may live ... that it violates the right of free choice ... that an employee should be able to make individual choices after working hours, and live anywhere she/he decides.

In many cases, it's easy to get around a residency rule. Employees have been known to maintain a room and a voting address within the city, and "visit" his/her family in a suburban subdivision evenings and weekends.

SOUND REASONS can be cited on both sides of the residency question.

But regardless of the merits of the arguments, it should be up to the local unit of government to make its own rules. If a city wants to require its workers to live there, fine. If not, that's fine, too.

The choice should be made by government officials who are closest to the local situation and know a lot more about what should be done in any particular city or township than state lawmakers, way off there in

Lansing.

State takeover of the Detroit school system is another example of centralized control enforced by Republicans in Lansing.

First they declared an educational emergency, then took away local control, supposedly on a temporary basis. But the principle is the same: Lansing knows best.

OTHER MOVES toward state control in areas ranging from urban planning to road controls have loomed since Republicans took full control in Lansing a year ago, most of them pushed by the GOP majority.

Some ideas may have been good, some not so good. Each should be judged on its own merits.

But they seem to follow a pattern of centralized domination from Lansing over the activities of local units of government.

Whatever happened to the principles of close voter control of government, with decisions made as close to home as possible?

That's the way we started this country way back when, but we seem to be drifting toward more centralism.

Republicans for years espoused principles of limited government and of government as close to home as possible, so the will of the people can be heard and carried out most directly.

Living up to principles apparently is tougher than spouting them ... especially when you have effective operating majorities in all branches of government.

ROTARY HUMOR -- Here are a couple of smiles clipped from *The Rotarian* magazine:

-- The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it is.

-- When a waiter at a night spot popular with young people dropped a tray of dishes, three couples got up to dance.

-- Seen on a bumper sticker: "Sometimes I wake up grumpy. Other times I let him sleep."

-- Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

-- The trouble with being punctual is that nobody is there to appreciate it.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Are Christians guilty of human rights violations?

To the editor,

After reading your paper for four years, I must respond to Dr. Barnett of "The Bible Speaks."

After hundreds of years of murder by Christians in the name of religion, you felt some anti-Christian hatred. What about the Jews, Muslims and gays? Thousands were killed during the Crusades. The Christians would kill, steal and rape anyone in their way to the Holy Lands. Good Christians.

When the New World was discovered the Incas, Maya, Aztec and American Indians were tortured, enslaved, torn apart by dogs and killed until they accepted your religion. Then you did the same thing to the Africans and Asians. Good Christians.

During World War II, Christians even helped Hitler kill the Jews -- you do have a good track record on human rights.

Now it seems that you can go after gays with what you call special rights. You deny them housing, jobs, promotion, child custody, S.S.I. and

the death benefits of their partners, and military service. They pay more in income and payroll taxes, and receive less in unemployment, and pay property taxes to send your children to school. Some special rights.

Your church does not pay property taxes. You get income tax breaks, child credits, life, auto, health insurance, death benefits, S.S.I. spouse benefits -- just to mention a few of your special rights.

You like to use your Bible to preach your dislike of homosexuals. This book was written 60 years after the death of Jesus. It was translated

from Greek to Latin to English. The King James version is the one you read today. King James was homosexual.

My Bible says God "loves us all," not just heterosexuals. The Bible was to be used as a guide in everyday life, not as an absolute.

Try reading a few books by Bishop John Shelby Spong on why Christianity must change or die, and rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism. You just might learn something.

Danny Fields
Toledo/Grayling

Avalanche staff helps raise awareness of those in need

To the editor,

Sandy and I have received several cards and letters since the Thanksgiving issue's article by Cheryl Ruley regarding the condition and treatment of my sister, Susan.

The story of Susan's difficulties helped me keep a promise to her -- to let others know the significance of being aware of what individuals may do to help others live.

It reminded me, as well, of the many people in our community who continue to be thoughtful of us as we prepare to repeat the transplant procedure. Regular treatment by Dr. Orland Dami has been, and continues to be, of benefit to me.

The *Avalanche* is doing a terrific job this holiday season, through the promotion of United Way, evidenced by the dedication of Linda Golnick, and the writing of Cheryl Ruley, to raise awareness of people in need.

Mary Kay Blaauw
Grayling

James Briney
Grayling

This year's Christmas Walk inspires pride in reader

To the editor,

Congratulations to each and every individual, business and organization who embraced the holiday spirit for the annual Christmas Walk.

From beginning to end, it was delightful. Engendering an evening walk accompanied by luminaries throughout the entire downtown area, was simply enchanting. The

diverse festivities provided intergenerational appeal.

The live nativity afforded a heart warming narrative and the ice sculpture and reindeer, awakened the child within. Thanks Grayling; I am proud!

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Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Phone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the Editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

VIEWPOINT

by U.S. Senator Paul Coverdell (R-Georgia)

Good employees fired because of labor law

What do a drug store cashier in California working to make ends meet, two aircraft mechanics from North Carolina working to realize the American dream, and a retired Georgia veteran employed by a federal contractor have in common? They were all fired, three of them since May, for refusing to pay the forced union dues demanded by Organized Labor officials.

Under federal labor law, eight-million Americans labor under contracts that contain language forcing them to pay union dues or "fees," or lose their jobs. In our land of freedom and opportunity, these workers have no choice ... it's either pay the dues to a union they may or may not support ... or be fired.

Moreover, the more than \$5 billion annually yielded by these forced dues fuels a Big Labor electioneering machine that exists to ensure the election of candidates who will grant union officials even more perks and privileges.

Is this right? Is it good for America? Almost 80 percent of citizens across the country say no. Even most union households favor voluntary unionism. Employees should have a choice about whether they join any organization, including a union.

In June, U.S. Air mechanics John Masiello and Craig Sickler of Charlotte, North Carolina, were informed they were being fired. Although employed in a Right to Work state, as "transportation workers" Masiello and Sickler are sub-

ject to the compulsory-dues provisions in federal law.

In my own state of Georgia, another Right to Work state, Hephzibah resident Burton Ayres lost his job at Johnson Controls, subject to a legal loophole because the plant was located on a federal enclave. His only crime was his insistence that he not be forced to pay union dues that would be used for a political ideology contrary to his own.

And this May, in Mojave, California, Deena Chacanaca was fired from RiteAid Pharmacies, because she would not pay the union dues without more information about how the union intended to use her money. Apparently union bosses decided it would be easier to get her fired than to address her concerns.

Mrs. Chacanaca had become reluctant to join the union as she witnessed union officials misrepresenting themselves to other employees. They would hand a reluctant prospect a membership form, saying it was a survey. But once the employee signed the form, union dues were siphoned from his/her paycheck.

"I just decided I couldn't give my support to an organization that was so sneaky and underhanded," she said. "Finally, a union official came and stood in my line and accosted me loudly, saying I was either going to pay them the money or be fired."

"What hurts most is that I loved my job. And I was good at it. But I

was fired, plain and simple, because I wouldn't be blackmailed into paying dues."

Fortunately, legislation currently before Congress would prevent such unjust firings in the future. The National Right to Work Act (H.R. 792/S.424), which has the support of 19 Senators, including myself, and 132 Representatives, would restore freedom of choice for workers who now fork out an annual average of more than \$600 each in compulsory-dues money.

Rather than add a single letter to federal law, this bill simply deletes those passages of law, created by Congress more than 60 years ago, which empower union bosses to collect forced dues. Even in states with Right to Work laws, this bill would aid the hundreds of thousands of workers covered by the federal Railway Labor Act or on federal enclaves who can still be forced to pay union dues to keep their jobs.

Perhaps Mrs. Chacanaca put it best. "It's just immoral for a worker to be required to pay union dues against her will in order to get or keep her job," she said. "I don't understand why, in the land of the free, the U.S. Congress hasn't done something to protect our basic freedom of choice in choosing whether or not to associate with a union."

The time to change this practice is now.

You may contact Mr. Coverdell through his assistant, Laura O'Neill at (202) 224-3643.

VIEWPOINT

Camp outlines Congress' accomplishments

by Rep. Dave Camp
4th Congressional District
Washington, D.C.

As Congress adjourns for the first year of the two-year cycle in the 106th Congress and heads home, I would like to give you, the taxpayers, an accounting of what we accomplished this year to make your lives more secure.

First and most important, we have stopped the raid on Social Security and saved the trust fund for future generations. In the process, we have changed the debate about how these funds are used.

For decades, Congress borrowed from Social Security to pay for today's spending instead of putting the money away for the future, when the Baby Boomers retire and there are fewer workers paying into the system.

But under the Republican majority and for the first time in 30 years, we have balanced the budget without raiding the fund to pay for pro-

grams that have nothing to do with Social Security. We paid off \$88 billion in debt this year and are on track to pay off \$131 billion in fiscal year 2000. A lower debt means lower interest rates for your family's priorities, such as mortgages and college educations.

We have also improved Americans' retirement security by improving Medicare. The Medicare Refinement Act passed last week adds \$16 billion into Medicare, strengthening this crucial system. Our bill includes needed funds to ensure nursing homes can afford health care treatments for seniors. This contrasts to the Administration's budget, which would have cut Medicare by \$12 billion.

A secure future also depends on educating our young people, another priority this Congress. The Educational Flexibility Act passed this year gives local educators more control over federal education dol-

lars and demands more accountability in return.

We are securing our nation's military. A new law makes it U.S. policy that we should deploy a missile defense system for the country as soon as one is technologically feasible. And we are giving our troops a 4.8 percent pay raise. It is shameful that some of our military families need to use food stamps to eat.

Finally, we have reformed our nation's banking laws after 60 years to ensure bank consumers have more and better choices.

I am pleased with our accomplishments this year and look forward to continue working for you next year, especially for seniors with modest incomes who need help paying for prescription drugs.

Until we reconvene in Washington in January, I will be home in Midland and traveling the 16 counties that make up the 4th Congressional District. I hope to hear from you about your priorities.

BRIEFS

Key Club pancake dinner relocated

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Grayling High School Key Club's 2nd Annual Pancake Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., has been relocated to the Grayling Holiday Inn. Cost of the meal is \$4 per person and \$10 per family (up to six people).

Snowshoe making classes offered

The Michigan Snowshoe Center is offering three snowshoe making classes on December 11, January 22, and February 5. Class size is limited to 10 people to allow for successful snowshoe building. Classes fill quickly. Pre-registration with a \$25 deposit is required. Cost is \$125 per student and includes all supplies. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each session at the Michigan Snowshoe Center, 3800 W. Federal Hwy., at Higgins Hills in Roscommon. To pre-register or for more information, call the Center at 1-800-478-8151.

Lady Eagles host Wednesday fish fry

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary will host an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Wednesday, December 15, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Eagles Club on M-72 East. Dinner consists of Alaskan Pollack, homemade bread, coleslaw, potato wedges and/or french fries and assorted desserts. Price is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids, and those under five years of age eat free. A four-piece chicken dinner will also be available for \$5. Dine in or carry out. To order, call 348-5287.

Rotarians to award scholarship money

The Grayling Rotary Club is now accepting applications for college scholarship money for those having completed one year of college. Proof of enrollment is required (copy of student's fall schedule) and applications must be postmarked no later than December 31, 1999. Scholarship application forms can be picked up in the Grayling High School and Grayling Middle School offices.

Garden Club plans Christmas luncheon

The Kirtland Garden Club will celebrate Christmas with a luncheon at the Brass Lantern in Prudenville on Monday, December 20. Cost of lunch is \$11 and is payable at the door. An ornament exchange will be part of the festivities. Make reservations by December 10 by calling Cheryl at (517) 366-9212, or Debbie at (517) 821-6244.

Transplant support group to meet

The Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will meet December 16, at 7 p.m., in the classroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital for a Christmas Get-Together. The group is designed for anyone who is pre- or post-transplant, their family or friends, caregivers, donors or other interested community members. For more information, contact Bev Cherwinski at (517) 983-4188. To check for meeting cancellation, call (517) 731-2193.

Snowmobile safety classes offered

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association is sponsoring Snowmobile Safety Classes January 5-7, 2000, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in Room 4A at Grayling High School. The classes are for youths age 12-17. State regulations require anyone wishing to drive a snowmobile without an adult to have a safety certificate. Register by calling 348-8619. Students must provide their Social Security Number upon registration.

Time to pick up Band Booster fruit

Fruit pick up day for the recent Grayling Viking Band Booster fund raiser is Saturday, December 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Grayling Elementary School.

Free health screenings offered at Mercy

Free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings will be offered in the lobby of Grayling Mercy Hospital on Monday, December 13 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Walk-in registration will be held.

GHS choirs plan holiday concert

Grayling High School choirs will perform their holiday concert on Tuesday, December 14, at 7 p.m., in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at the high school. Grayling Middle School choirs will perform Tuesday, December 21.

KCC Vocal Ensemble offers free Christmas concert

Kirtland Community College Vocal Ensemble will present a free Christmas Vocal Program on Tuesday, December 14, at 7 p.m. in the G.I. Stewart Auditorium.

Candy Peterson will be directing the performance and the ensemble will be performing a variety of music including Broadway show tunes and a Christmas Medley.

Kirtland students Jessica Meyers, Michelle Williams, Nycki Cuddie, Rachel Hanson, Harold Smith, Natasha McCuan and Kristin Parkey will be featured in the program.

This free performance is open to the public. The Stewart Auditorium will open at 6 p.m., and the Christmas Vocal Program begins at 7 p.m.

Swim classes offered by 4-H

Swim class registration will begin on Wednesday, December 8 for the following Crawford County 4-H classes: Level I, Level II and Level III.

Classes will be held at the Super 8 Motel on Four Mile Road, Mondays at 4 p.m. for six consecutive weeks, beginning January 10 for Level I. Cost for the program is \$18 per child. Class size is limited.

Opening remain in the Tiny Tot Swim Program for three- and four-year olds. The six-week program begins December 13 and will also be

held at the Super 8 Motel.

Cost for this program is \$18 per child. Classes run for half-hour sessions, beginning at 1:30 p.m. for three-year olds, and 12 noon or 2 p.m. for four-year olds. Tiny Tot class size is limited to five students per class.

Register at the Crawford County MSU-E office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Registration will not be taken over the phone. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

Interlochen presents The Nutcracker

Jill St. Germain, of Grayling, will take part in this season's production of the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker," at Interlochen Center for the Arts.

St. Germain began her study of dance at age three at the Louise Tournaud School of Dance, in Grayling. She continued her studies there until she transferred to Interlochen at age 15. She is the daughter of Debbie St. Germain and Gerry St. Germain, both of Grayling.

Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 17 and Saturday, December 18. It will also be performed at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 18 and Sunday, December 19. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

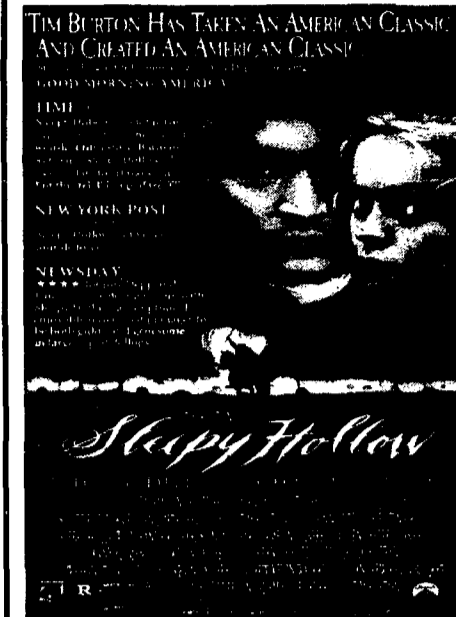
Interlochen's production of "The Nutcracker" was originally choreographed by Sharon Randolph and features the Academy dance majors. The colorful cast will include Interlochen Arts Academy dance instructor Mark Borchelt in the role of Drosselmeyer. The Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Matthew Hazelwood, will provide the music for all performances.

"The Nutcracker" is the story of an enchanting journey into a world of wonder and imagination. Through mysterious powers of her Godfather Drosselmeyer and his magic cape, Clara and her Nutcracker are transported into the Land of Dreams.

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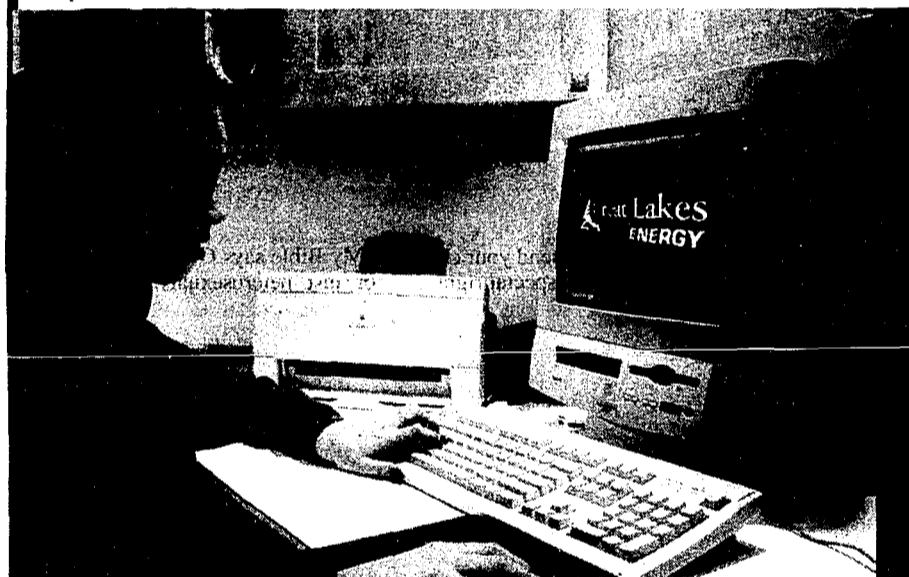
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The Bible Speaks

Nanny Government?

Usha Lee McFarling, wrote an article in the 9/16/1999 issue of *The Arizona Republic* entitled, "Fat-food tax urged in war on obesity U.S. flab viewed as 'ticking bomb'." She said, "Calling the fat problem a 'ticking time bomb in the health care system,' many experts who gathered here for the first annual conference on obesity and public policy proposed several activist solutions. Among them: lengthening the school day to give kids more exercise, spending a lot more money to research the causes of obesity as well as the 'fat tax' and expanded insurance for weight loss treatments."

McFarling quoted Judith S. Stern, a professor of nutrition at the University of California at Davis and vice president of the American Obesity Association as saying: "More than half of adult Americans, about 97 million, are estimated to be overweight. Of those, 39 million are considered obese, or more than 30 pounds overweight. More than 20 percent of children are overweight, a number that has doubled in recent decades. Extra pounds are more than unsightly. They contribute to 300,000 deaths each year. The annual cost of treating health problems related to obesity has been estimated at \$100 billion. While we have this two-day meeting, 1,800 people will be dead from problems related to obesity. This is a nation-

al emergency."

Walter Williams wrote in his syndicated column on 9/22/1999 that television journalist John Stossell on ABC's 20/20, indicated that the stated motivation behind this gross intrusion and criminalization of private behavior is to protect us from making unwise choices. Williams reported that Stossell interviewed Yale University's Professor Kelley D. Brownell, director of the Center for Eating and Weight Disorders, who thinks Americans eat too many hamburgers and french fries. Brownell wants government to tax fatty foods and those with little nutritional content and use the proceeds to subsidize fruits, vegetables and other nutritious foods. He's suggested that some of the tax proceeds be used to build bike and hiking trails.

Williams also reported that to stop bacteria, New Jersey banned restaurants from serving eggs sunny side up. (The ban has since been lifted.) "Some New Jersey localities have a ban on people pumping their own gasoline. Policemen issue citations for driving without a seatbelt. By law, new cars must be equipped with air bags. Federal law mandates that all new toilets flush using a paltry 1.6 gallons of water. Georgia's governor mandates that classical music be given to all new mothers so as to aid infant I.Q. development. California has banned

smoking in bars. Clinton wants a law passed banning smoking within 100 feet of a federal building. In parts of Ohio, children going trick-or-treating must obtain a special permit."

Government is good for what God established it to do. Foremost among these things is the defense of our life, liberty, and property. (2 Peter 2:19) "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." To reestablish liberty and equal justice under law, America needs to return to Jesus Christ! (2 Corinthians 3:17) "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

"Pastor "B" Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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MERCY BIRTHS

Jeff and Melissa Boucher of Roscommon announce the arrival of Audrey Sierra Boucher born November 15.

Ivan and April Bush of Crawford announce the arrival of Aeris McKay Bush born November 16.

Jason Stickney and Lori Daniels of Mancelona announce the arrival of Seth Ryan born November 18.

Darren and Sherry Molands of Kalkaska announce the arrival of Ryan Joseph Molands born November 20.

Jason Ripke and Kimberly Tyson of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Bridget Kristine Ripke born November 20.

William and Laura Reichelderfer of Higgins Lake announce the arrival of Chelsey Anne Reichelderfer born November 21.

Daisy Carper of Roscommon announces the arrival of Elizabeth Ann Carper born November 23.

Steven and Andrea Garver of Mio announce the arrival of Jonathon Andrew Garver born November 24.

Kevin Haberland and Tammy Howard of Grayling announce the arrival of Hailey Marie Haberland born November 25.

Rex Lambertson and Kurstin Glenn of Prudenville announce the arrival of Logan Alex Lambertson born November 27.

Cory and Angela Stout of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Nathan Allen Stout born November 27.

Matthue Lentz and Lisa Dear of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Zachary Michael Lentz born November 29.

Jeffrey and Jill VanWormer of Roscommon announce the arrival of Skylar Kennedy VanWormer born November 30.

John and Judy Eurich of Mio announce the arrival of Hunter Wright Eurich born December 1.

Carl and Pamela Roach of Grayling announce the arrival of Kyla Marie Roach born December 2.

Edwin Parkinson and Lisa Beek of Grayling announce the arrival of Justin Lee Parkinson born December 2.

Card of Thanks

I want to extend my thanks to all my family and friends for the many acts of kindness extended to me during my recent hospitalization. Especially to my Lord Jesus for His goodness, to Dr. Murphy and staff, and to the Grayling Mercy Hospital care givers.

Ron Larson

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Church Directory

Jewels from GOD

How fascinating to observe a gem-cutter as he plies his trade. He cuts his precious stones ever so carefully, knowing exactly how many facets he plans in order to create the most perfect gem out of a piece of rock from the earth. The more facets, the more his precious prize will sparkle.

Each of us also begins as a blank piece of God's creation. As we go through life we experience all manner of adversity; experiences that shaped and refined us, matured and developed us. It is only when we look back that we realize the immature individuals we once were. We come to sparkle with a wisdom and a peace born as of a result of life's cutting edges. The Master gem-cutter is always in control. Learn more of God's power in your life as you worship this week. He will make your soul sparkle like a jewel from God.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mark	Psalms	Psalms	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah
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Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 am
Sabbath School 10:30 am
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Burning Bush Tabernacle
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Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
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Sacrament 10 am
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Evening Worship 11 am
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Relief Society 12 noon

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Morning Worship 11 am
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Wednesday 7 pm

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Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am
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Wednesday & Fridays 8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
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Morning Worship 11 am
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Sunday Services 11:00 am

Calvary Baptist Church
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M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
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Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Gordon French, Pastor
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Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
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Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

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Wednesday Evening 7 pm

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Morning Worship 11 am
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Wednesday 7 pm

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New Years Eve Service 7 pm

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Morning Praise 10:30 am
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Chamber looking for help with re-vamped county map

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

About every two or three years the official map of Crawford County is updated through the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. To help pay the costs of contracting a topographer and the subsequent printing of 10,000 maps, advertisers and supporters are needed.

The next map to be published will feature graduated address coding and more detail, including hiking, biking and snowmobile trails. Chamber Executive Director Lynn Porritt-McConnell said her organization hopes to provide a user-friendly map that will make navigating the county easier than ever.

McConnell said there will be a

cover price on the map in the \$2 range, but the Chamber will supply the maps for resale or for distribution at a discount to those who help fund production.

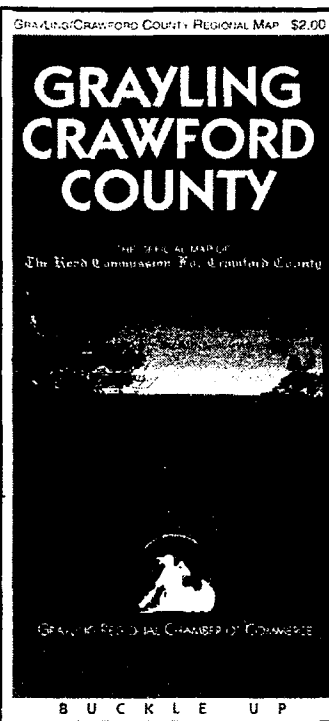
In the past the Chamber, along with the Grayling Area Visitors Council, provided the maps to newcomers, visitors and in prospective new business packets. Both organizations will continue these practices using the new map.

The Road Commission for Crawford County has adopted the new Crawford County map, which is expected to become available next spring.

Anyone interested in advertising in the new county map or providing funds toward its publication should

OUT WITH THE OLD - A new Crawford County map will soon replace the one shown at right. The Chamber of Commerce is looking for advertisers and supporters to help defray the cost of printing.

contact the Chamber of Commerce at 348-2921.



New Chamber board elected



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

NEW CHAMBER BOARD - Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce members elected a new Board of Directors. Effective November 1, the new Board consists of: (seated) Laurie Figley - Vice President; Diane Tompkins - President; (standing) Monte Burmeister - Past President; Bill Gannon - Treasurer. Not shown: Phil Dennett - Secretary.

Chiropractor helps back Help Center

On November 19, Denholm Family Chiropractic offered new patient exams and office visits for established patients for a \$5 donation to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

As a result, Dr. Craig B. Denholm DC, was able to buy 12 bags of non-perishable and other items to donate to the Help Center's pantry. He was also able to make a \$200 donation, which he presented to Help Center Director Gerry Schroeder last week.

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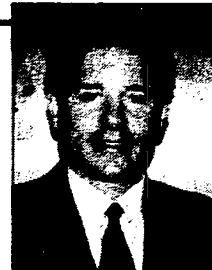
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Roadless Initiative to be discussed at Forest Service meeting

The USDA-Forest Service is sponsoring a series of national and local meetings to begin soliciting public comment on President Clinton's initiative to protect roadless areas within the National Forest System.

These public meetings are the first step in the public rulemaking process that proposes restricting certain activities, such as road construction, in unroaded portions of inventoried roadless areas as previously identified in RARE II and establishing direction for managing uninventoried roadless areas.

President Clinton kicked off the public process to protect roadless areas with his announcement on October 13 during a visit to the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests in Virginia.

The Forest Service has scheduled ten national meetings across the country. In addition, every local

national forest will have its own public meeting. The Huron-Manistee National Forest will be hosting a meeting on Thursday, December 16, at Bill Oliver's Conference Center in Cadillac at 6 p.m.

The meeting format will include a brief presentation on the President's initiative followed by a session to receive public comment. Those attending will be given the opportunity to present their viewpoints on the local and national perspective.

This public outreach effort is part of the ongoing 60-day comment period that was initiated in October when the Forest Service issued the official Notice of Intent (NOI) to protect roadless areas.

During the comment period, the Forest Service is inviting affected state, local, and tribal governments and members of the public to identify issues that should be analyzed in depth during the remainder of the

process.

After the comment period ends December 20, the Forest Service will begin the process of preparing a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) and a proposed rule. The

agency is scheduled to release the documents next spring and again seek extensive public involvement in the process before making a final decision which is currently scheduled for the fall of 2000.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

A NEW LOOK - Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty, at the corner of the South I-75 Business Loop and Huron Street (M-72) is getting a facelift. Steve Nelson aligns the new soft-fit in the eaves of the building. He is one of many workers completing a wood siding application after a new roof was installed.

GPA seeking businesses for Silver Lining Award

For the past four years, the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) has been asked by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce to select the recipient of the "Silver Lining Award."

The award is presented to a business based upon the following criteria:

- Must be an existing building making improvements;
- Improvements must be completed in the current calendar year;
- Judging is based on exterior improvements only;
- Business must be a Chamber of Commerce member.

This year's committee has been

busy gathering information on building improvements in Crawford County and is in the process of making their final selection.

The Silver Lining Award will be presented the night of the \$10,000 Chamber of Commerce Raffle, along with the Citizen of the Year and the Athena Award winners.

Past award winners were: 1995 - Dr. William Dean; 1996 - Crawford County Avalanche; 1997 - Grayling Holiday Inn; and 1998 - AuSable Gifts.

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The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) has informed Kirtland Community College of its decision to award accreditation to the College's Associate Degree for Medical Assistant program.

In mid-March, 1999, a team from the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) visited Kirtland and spent two days reviewing credentials, documenting competencies, interviewing administrators and faculty, and visiting off-campus clinical sites to evaluate the College's Medical Assistant pro-

gram. The team complimented the College in several areas such as excellent teacher-to-student ratio, professional development resources for faculty, administrative support for program, and excellent "administrative" labs containing up-to-date equipment.

"The review recognized the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation standards," said Karen Brown, Kirtland's Health occupations Director.

In order for a medical assistant to be eligible to sit for the AAMA's

Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) exam, he or she must be a graduate of an accredited medical assistant program. CMA certification has become a requirement in medical offices, and Kirtland's program accreditation will ensure employability for its medical assistant graduates.

During the American Association of Medical Assistants' Annual Convention in October, the AAMA Certifying Board and the Board of Trustees approved an amendment to the Certifying Board's Policies and Procedures which stated that "effective January 1, 2003, all Certified

Medical Assistants (CMAs) employed or seeking employment must have current status in order to use the CMA credential."

Rice drawing gets top 50 ranking

Kirtland Community College art instructor, Scott Rice, was accepted as a top finalist in the portrait category for "The Artist Magazine's 1999 Art Competition."

Out of more than 13,300 entries in this competition, Rice's graphite rendering, "Nate," was named one of the top 50 best portraits in 1999. Rice will be mentioned in the December issue of the magazine.

Correction

In an article in last week's paper concerning the anonymous donor of \$500,000 to the Crawford County Library, some figures were stated incorrectly. According to County Treasurer Joe Wakeley, the library's 1999 budget is \$159,967 and penal fines averaged \$116,351 annually over the past three years. Funds set aside toward the new building project currently total approximately \$237,000. We apologize for the error.

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"It is very important to remind clients that Citizens Bank is ready to handle Year 2000 processing," Citizens Bank's Y2K Communications Coordinator Valerie Jemerson stated. "We first began working on the year 2000 issue in 1996 and that's when our communication efforts began. We wanted our clients to have current information regarding each step of our year 2000 project."

"In 1996 Citizens Bank estab-

lished a Y2K transition team, which included representatives from all bank departments. This team developed a detailed Y2K readiness plan," Jemerson said. "Our team thoroughly reviewed all computer hardware and software programs, applications, and systems. Individual departments completed the renovation or replacement of bank systems on December 31, 1998, and mission-critical banking systems have been validated and tested as of March 31, 1999," Jemerson added.

Citizens has used a variety of methods to keep clients updated on its Year 2000 program. Methods used included newsletters, seminars, statement inserts, branch posters, a special Web page and even staff lapel buttons featuring a "Y2K OK" message.

A special communications strategy was developed for the bank's

older clients. "We developed a series of three newsletters to address issues of special concern to these clients, including fraud prevention tips. We also included information on Social Security's readiness for Year 2000 and the continued availability of FDIC insurance for deposits of up to \$100,000. We also used every opportunity to remind our clients not to give their account numbers to anyone. No financial institution will ever call to ask a client for personal account information," Jemerson stated.

The latest Citizens Bank brochure advises clients not to withdraw extra cash and to take advantage of all their payment options during the New Year holiday weekend, including ATM's, debit cards, credit cards, and checks. Also included in the brochure is information about the bank's contingency plans. Citizens is prepared to address a wide range

of possible internal and external factors, including problems which may be presented by external service providers or vendors.

For more information about the bank's Y2K preparations, clients may contact the Citizen Bank Call Center at 1-800-806-1692, or visit the bank's Web site at www.cbClientsFirst.com to obtain updated information about ongoing Y2K activities.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

A Windows 98 Internet workstation has been added for your access to the Internet.

This workstation, like all computer workstations, is on a first come first serve basis. Time of use is unlimited until someone else signs up; then a 30 minute limit is imposed to allow time to finish.

The Windows 98 Internet workstation does not allow printing due to lack of space to attach a printer. The Internet workstations do include surfing the web and free e-mail from the web.

The other two public access workstations are a Windows 95 for Internet and Windows 95 for data processing. Both allow printing at 25 cents a page. Data processing can include reports, letters, resumes and signs.

For more information, call 348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Website is <http://www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/>

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday-Tuesday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

S & B Auto Repair improves look



PART OF A TREND - S & B Auto is part of a recent trend to breath new life into the town of Frederic. The auto repair business owned by Sandy and Bob Weaver, received new siding. Sandy said she hopes that other business and property owners will continue to upgrade in the area.

Photo by Cheryl Ruley

New Millennium Baby Contest

Guess the Date, Time & Gender of the first baby born in the New Millennium at Mercy Hospital - Grayling and **Win \$50!!***



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November Students of the Month announced



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for November are: Josh Bromley, Travis Brush, Tom Curley, Roy Czapek, Ryan Davis, Sarah Dent, Holly Derenzy, Justin Deville, Jennifer Emmons, Tony English, David Fleischmann, Felicia Hohl, Shantina Jacobs, Tasha Lukima, Amanda Lutz, Adam Malone, Michelle McGuire, Chance Nesto, Rodney Ney, Felecia Patterson, Racheal Pegouskie, Jessica Pfaff, Kellan Quigley, Randi Richardson, Jodi Riddle, Megan Russell, Michael Salyers, Mitchell Salyers, Maranda Shear, Tricia Smith, Shane Thompson, Joni Welch, Jamie Zelek.

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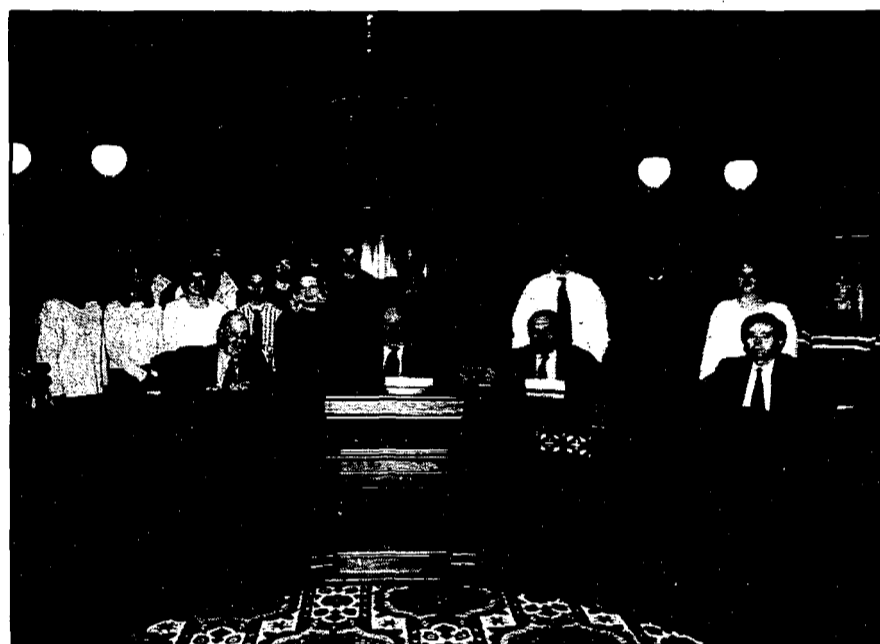


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STUDENTS VISIT MCMANUS - Senator George McManus (R-Traverse City) was visited November 30 by students from Calvary Baptist Academy. In addition to visiting the DNR Subcommittee of Appropriations (above), the group also visited Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord), viewed a Legislative session, and toured the Capitol Building. Legislators pictured include (l-r) Sen. Harry Gast (R-St. Joseph), Appropriations Chairman Sen. McManus, Sen. Don Koivisto (D-Ironwood), and Sen. Ken Debeaussaert (D-Mt. Clemens). Students pictured include: Charity Albright, Matt Albright, Brock Barnett, Chase Barnett, Aaron Corcoran, Amber Corcoran, Chris Jones, Arlen Murray, Bonny Murray, Tiffany Pizzi, Zachary VanNuck, Matt Verlac, and Bill Wilson. The students were accompanied by teachers Mike Corlew and Patti Barnett, as well as Crawford County Board of Commissioners Chair Lynnette Corlew.

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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Hysterectomy: It's not the only choice anymore

As many as 200,000 American women may be having unnecessary hysterectomies each year. Instead of taking advantage of new alternative medical techniques, doctors at the University of Michigan Health System estimate.

Now, they have opened the first clinic in the nation devoted to helping women explore multiple alternatives to having their uterus surgically removed.

More than half-a-million hysterectomies are performed each year in the U.S. at an estimated cost of more than \$5 billion, according to the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This makes it the second most frequent major surgical procedure among reproductive-aged women - by age 60, one in four have had it done.

But the new surgical approaches and technologies could give many women options they didn't think they had.

"When a woman is told that she should have a hysterectomy, she should ask her physician specifically 'What are my alternatives?' because we see the hysterectomy as the end of the line," says UMHS gynecologist Elisabeth Quint, M.D. "There are all kinds of other things that you can try first before having a hysterectomy, because having a hysterectomy is a big deal for most women. It is the end of your reproductive time."

Hysterectomy may still be the best choice for many conditions, including cancer, UMHS doctors say. But women with benign, or non-cancerous, problems - most commonly, fibroids and abnormal uterine bleeding - may be able to get

relief another way. Fibroids are non-cancerous tumors that grow in the uterine lining or muscle, often causing pain, pressure and bleeding complications. Abnormal uterine bleeding is bleeding outside the menstrual cycle.

Says U-M gynecologist Deidre Spicer Maccannon, M.D., M.M., "Our hysterectomy alternatives program was founded out of a specific desire to educate women about various conditions that potentially lead to hysterectomy. We explore their desired outcome, educate them about their options, then support them in their treatment decision, whichever they decide to choose."

U-M's unique clinic offers several different treatments under one roof, depending on a woman's particular symptoms:

- One option is endometrial ablation therapy, a treatment in which the lining of the uterus is cauterized, or destroyed, by such procedures as electrocautery or laser. The latest form of this treatment, which has been developed in the last few years, is endometrial uterine balloon ablation. In this therapy, a balloon is inserted into the uterus and filled with warm water, destroying the lining of the uterus. It is most useful for women with abnormal bleeding that cannot be treated with hormones. This treatment was FDA approved less than a year ago.

- Uterine artery embolization is the newest technique available at U-M. Used mainly to treat fibroids, it is done through a catheter inserted into the blood vessels in the groin and fed up to the vessels that supply blood to the fibroid and uterus. Small particles are inserted into the vessel to block the flow of blood to

the fibroid to starve and shrink it. The reduction in size reduces or eliminates symptoms, though the newness of the procedure means that no information on long-term effects is available yet.

- Hysteroscopy is a procedure that allows the gynecologist to visualize the uterine lining and any growths, such as polyps or fibroids, through a hysteroscope - a flexible fiber-optic telescope for viewing inside the uterus. An instrument called a resectoscope is then used to remove the growth.

- Laparoscopic procedures, where a telescope-like instrument is inserted in the abdomen, are also used to remove fibroids located on the outside of the uterus.

So with so many options open, why are hysterectomies still so common? "The major reason that so many women are having hysterectomies is that all the alternative procedures are relatively new," says U-M gynecologist Gregory Christman, M.D. "Many of the techniques that involve removal of growths in the uterus are very difficult to learn and were not taught during residency programs when today's doctors were in training, whereas all gynecologists are very well trained in performing traditional hysterectomies."

Even though the focus of the new U-M clinic is to offer the latest technology in treating gynecological problems, Quint says, "We really try to see the woman as a whole. We take into consideration all the aspects of her life, and how the outcome of whatever treatment or intervention she chooses is going to affect her life. We look at her expectations and help her decide what she

Facts about hysterectomy:

- Approximately 600,000 hysterectomies are performed each year in the United States, at an estimated cost of more than \$5 billion.
- One in four women will have a hysterectomy by age 60.
- Hysterectomy rates differ by geographic region, with 6.8 per 1000 women in the South, 5.5 per 1000 in the Midwest, 4.9 per 1000 in the West and 3.9 per 1000 women in the Northeast.
- Hysterectomy is the second most frequent major surgical procedure among reproductive-aged women.
- Rates of hysterectomy differ by age, with the highest rates among women aged 40 to 44. Of all hysterectomies, 55 percent are performed on women aged 35 to 49.

thinks is best for her as a woman, as part of her life, her family and everybody around her."

For more information on the Web check:

U-M Health System: Health Topics A to Z, Therapeutic Hysteroscopy for Uterine Fibroids - <http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/womens/gyn14.htm>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Hysterectomy - <http://www.cdc.gov/needphp/dhr/w/h/hyster.htm>

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by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

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Answer: For children to develop normally, it is important for them to be able to hear well. If not, it can

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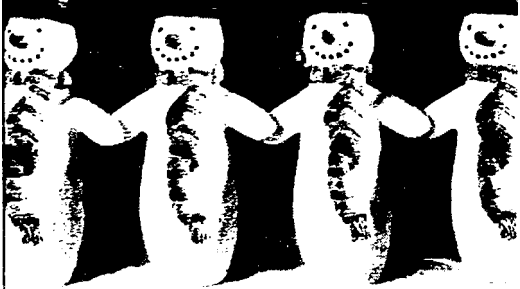
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Between six and 12 months, he turns his head towards soft sounds, understands "no" and "bye bye" and begins to imitate other's speech. By 12 months baby uses some single simple words such as mom, dog, no or other words. A baby's hearing can be tested at any age by an audiologist. If your baby is not following this suggested pattern consult an audiologist or ear, nose and throat physician.

Also, if your older child does not seem to hear you, rule out any hearing problems as soon as possible. One way to do this is to have his hearing checked at the health department by a specially trained hearing and vision technician. Hearing and vision clinics are scheduled periodically for children in the community ages three to 18 years old. There is no charge for a child's hearing to be screened at the health department and any child may participate in this important service.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: Don't worry about being called average ... you are as close to the top as to the bottom.

Things that are happening at the center:

December 8 - Commodities at Eagles, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Birthday dinner; RSVP White Elephant auction.

December 9 - Blood Pressures, 11 a.m. - noon; Foot Clinic by appointment.

December 10 - Frederic Satellite; Pantry Bingo, 1 p.m.

December 13 - Hangman, 5:30 p.m.

December 14 - Osteoporosis Seminar, 5:30 p.m.

December 15 - Hearing Clinic, by appointment; COA Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.

December 16 - Lucky 7 Casino trip, 9:30 a.m.

December 17 - Lovells Satellite; Pantry Bingo, 1 p.m.; Legal Help, 1:30 p.m.

December 19 - Pancake Brunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Thought to leave you with: Can you believe the 10 cent comic book your elementary teacher called a "waste of time" is now worth a small fortune?

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Grayling City Police Department from November 28 through December 4:

Five false alarms; four misdemeanor arrests; one assault; four assists to other departments; 18 city ordinance violations; one civil complaint; one juvenile complaint; four larcenies; two malicious destruction of property complaints; two suspicious situations; two private property accidents; one civil infraction citation; 12 miscellaneous complaints. In addition, four traffic warnings were issued.

A total of 61 complaints were handled by the Grayling City Police Department during the one-week period.



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A memorial service in honor of Sharon E. Vanderpool (originally planned for Saturday, December 11 at the Vanderpool residence), has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 12 at the Maple Forest Township Hall, 8996 North Sherman Road.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from November 29 through December 5:

13 EMS responses; eight intercepts; two structure fires; three vehicle fires; three assault/intimidation/stalking;

Three burglary/home invasion; four larceny; two damage to property; one drug/narcotic violation; one family offense/abuse/negligence; seven public peace/disorderly; two OUIL/UBAL; two driving violations; ten health and safety; one vagrancy;

One miscellaneous criminal offense; one delinquent minor; one runaway; 15 traffic accidents; one traffic policing; seven false alarm activation;

One hazardous condition; one motor vehicle inspection; five civil matter disputes - family; nine suspicious situations; one lost and found property; one missing person; 13 general non-criminal.

A total of 119 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the one-week period.



Melvin J. Marshall

Melvin J. Marshall, 89, of Grayling passed away at his home Tuesday, November 30, 1999.

Mr. Marshall was born December 11, 1909, in Maple Forest Township the son of Earl J. and Martha (Knibbs) Marshall. He was a lifetime resident of the Grayling area, graduating from Grayling High School in 1928. Mr. Marshall married the former Elna Nielsen in Grayling, September 23, 1939. A contractor and stone mason, with his brother Leland, he built St. Mary's Catholic Church and the original Bear Archery Building in Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elna in 1995, a daughter, Julie Ann Marshall in 1997, son, Melvin Marshall Jr. in 1951, a brother Leland Marshall and parents Earl and Martha Marshall.

Survivors include two daughters: Camilla (David) Walton of Midland and Kathleen Marshall of Lansing.

Graveside services were held Saturday, December 4 with Pastor Thomas Mammoser officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

The family requests that memorials be directed to St. John Lutheran Church, Grayling.

The family was served by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Melvin W. Passmore

Melvin Wesley Passmore, 65, of Grayling passed away at his home Sunday, December 5, 1999.

Mr. Passmore was born April 4, 1934, in Detroit, the son of Edward and Margaret (Renwick) Passmore.

He was a truck driver and self employed mechanic. He moved back to Grayling 18 years ago from Livonia.

Mr. Passmore was a member of Lodge 3561 F. & A.M., Detroit and the St. John Lutheran Church, Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Dorothy Valentine.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou (Noble) Passmore; five sons and three daughters, David Passmore of Brighton, Rick Passmore of Livonia, Cheryl Fuchs of Kingston, Tennessee, Richard Harrison of Newport News, Virginia, Sue Wilson of Brighton, Chuck Harrison of Hartland, Patrick Harrison of Lancaster, California and Cathy Sorenson of Wilmington, Ohio; ten grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; one brother, John Passmore of Plymouth; one sister, Betty Lidal of Livonia.

Mr. Passmore's body was donated to the University of Michigan.

A memorial service was held December 6 at St. John Lutheran Church with Pastor Carl Heidel officiating.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Cemetery Marker Fund in care of St. John Lutheran Church, Grayling.

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HOLIDAY LIGHTING — Frederic residents Anne Stoddard, Mike Girard and Sandy Weaver worked on decorating the Frederic Township Park evergreen last Saturday. Many Frederic businesses contributed to the decoration fund for the park and some local kids stopped by to help decorate, too.

Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Magazine seeks personal perspectives of state's past

Twenty-four years after the *Edmund Fitzgerald* disappeared in a savage Lake Superior storm, the sinking of the Great Lakes' freighter has become an indelible part of Michigan's history.

The saga of the 1975 shipwreck is the featured cover story of the November/December 1999 issue of *Michigan History* magazine, on sale now.

"Author Mary Dempsey does a fantastic job of recounting the story of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*," says Secretary of State Candice S. Miller. Michigan's official historian. "Her gripping story introduces us to the ship, the crew and the devastating November storms that have claimed so many Great Lakes ships and mariners."

Also in the November/December 1999 issue, the magazine introduces "The Inside Story," a new feature focusing on personal perspectives of the state's past. The newest department kicks off with a humorous recollection about Gov. George Romney from Charles Harmon of Eaton Rapids.

Since 1991, *Michigan History Magazine* has sought its readers' recollections on everything from where they were when they heard about the bombing at Pearl Harbor, to their most notable sports memory.

"Now, we are compiling recollections from Michigan residents on any topic," said Roger L. Rosentreter, editor of *Michigan History Magazine*. "A brush with history doesn't have to feature golf-

ing with the president or lunching with a movie star, it only needs to be about a special moment.

"The recollections of ordinary people can capture an extraordinary experience and lead us to a better understanding of Michigan history," Rosentreter added.

To contribute recollections on any Michigan-related topic, follow these guidelines:

- The recollection must be first-hand. The writer must have either participated in or witnessed the topic of the recollection.

- Each recollection should not exceed two double-spaced typewritten pages.

- Contributors should not include original photographs or illustrations.

- Include a name, return address, and a daytime telephone number with each recollection.

Send submissions to: "The Inside Story," *Michigan History Magazine*, 717 West Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48919-1805; or e-mail a submission to:

RosentreterR@sosmail.state.mi.us, indicating "The Inside Story" on the subject line.

Michigan History Magazine is published by the Michigan Department of State's Michigan Historical Center.

The magazine, published since 1917, is available on select newsstands and by paid subscription. Telephone 1-800-366-3703 or visit *Michigan History Magazine* on the Internet at: www.sos.state.mi.us/history/mag/mag.html.

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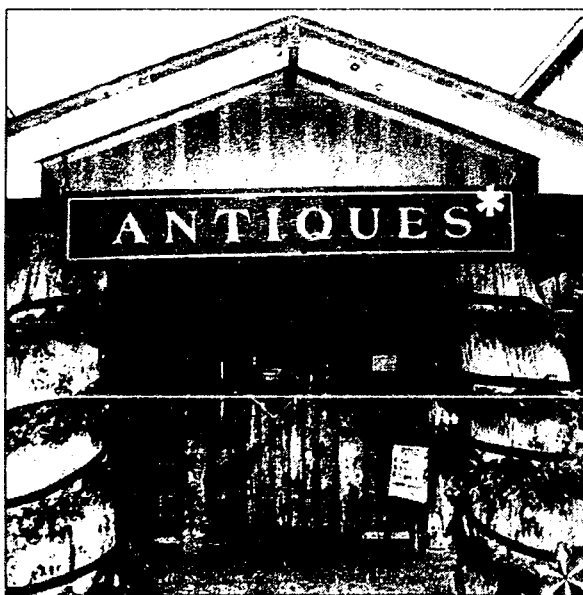
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A house is now a home for local family

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

About 30 people helped the Arwood Family celebrate the dedication of their new four bedroom home nestled on a wooded lot in Grayling Township.

Joel Arwood has worked on his house and others in the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity program for more than the required 250 hours of "sweat equity." His sons, 15-year old Mike and 14-year old Jason have worked hard, too. They were beaming last Sunday when their new home was filled with well-wishers as the home was formally dedicated.

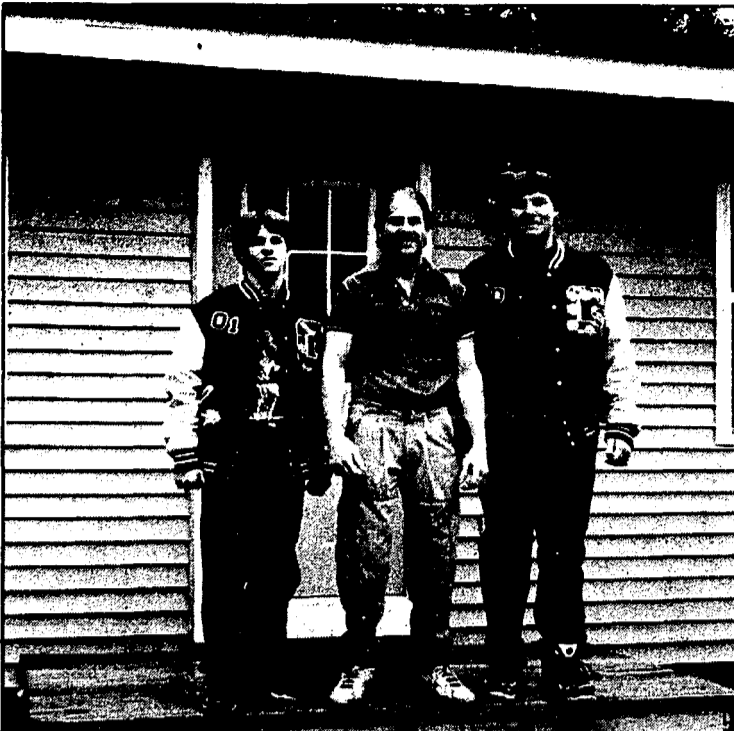
Executive Director Sister Naomi Holysko, RSM, opened the ceremony with a few words, then Board President and construction site manager David Wyman welcomed the crowd. Family and friends were asked to participate in an "open-eye" prayer led by St. Francis Episcopal Church pastor, Rev. Robert Henley, who spoke of making the new house a place of rest, peace and refuge.

Arwood's mother, Jean, read scripture containing the message of putting God foremost in our lives and to "love thy neighbor as thyself." One of Habitat's foundation beliefs is that people should help one another.

A candle lighting ceremony followed and each room of the house was blessed with the help of Family Support Specialist Therese Kaiser, Sister Naomi and Arwood. This was followed by everyone joining in the Lord's Prayer.

Finally, Kaiser presented Arwood with a Bible and Wyman presented him with his new house keys. The Arwoods took a few moments to share their gratitude and appreciation for all the help and support they have received through their involvement with Habitat.

Refreshments were served and guests could take a look around the new home — made possible by



HOME SWEET HOME — The Arwood Family — Jason, Joel and Mike — will move into their new home in Grayling Township just in time for Christmas. The Arwoods have put in many hours working on their own home and others, built through the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity housing program.

donations of time, materials and money.

Arwood, who is employed at Grayling Reel, will now pay a monthly mortgage payment based on the total building costs of his home. His willingness to dedicate hour upon hour of time to the Habitat program has given him the privilege of low cost housing.

Sister Naomi said monthly house payments on Habitat homes in Crawford County average between \$200 and \$300. "This is not a free housing program, but one where the community and future homeowners get involved to provide good, decent affordable housing for deserving families," she said.

Another home, bringing the total

to four in Crawford County, was to be dedicated on December 4, but a family emergency caused the ceremony to be postponed to a time yet to be announced. The next project will begin as Habitat's first home rehabilitation of a donated home in Frederic, with a lot of the work being performed by students enrolled in Building Trades courses at Grayling High School. Three families are slated for homeownership in 2000.

Volunteers are always needed for many duties including construction, painting, clerical, catering and any other chore that presents itself. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should call the Habitat office at 344-0804.



FIRST REHAB — This three bedroom house on Center Street in Frederic was donated to Crawford County Habitat for Humanity and will become the organizations first home to be rehabilitated through the program. Grayling High School Building Trades students will play a major part in the project. Sister Naomi Holysko said the house has a lot of potential.

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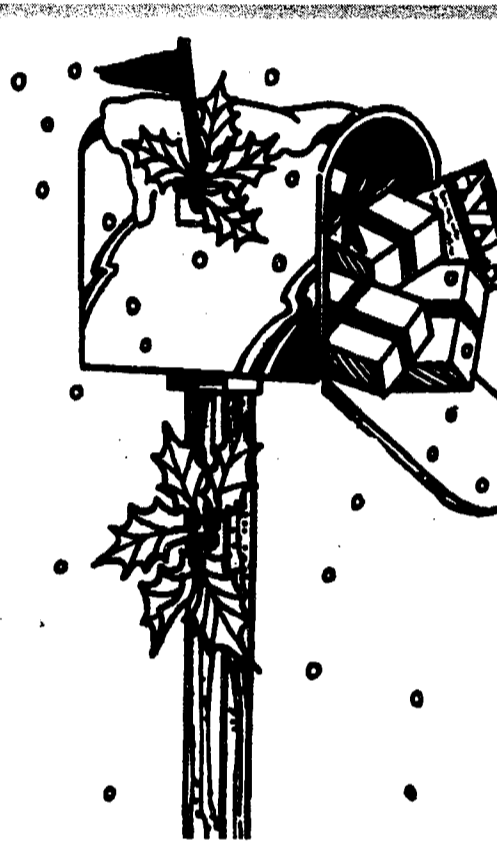
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Fair Board honors contributors and honored themselves by MDA



by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465 and Ladies Auxiliary, along with one business owner, were recognized last week for their contributions to the 1999 Crawford County Fair.

Eagles President Dennis Williamson and his wife, Auxiliary President Judy Williamson were presented with certificates recognizing the organizations' monetary contributions to the fair. Continental Rental Manager Bill Vonderheid was present to receive a certificate for items donated as prizes for a state dinner hosted by the local fair officials. Fair Board President Judy Hollis said more people are slated to be recognized.

FOR THE LADIES – Auxiliary president Judy Williamson accepted a certificate of appreciation on behalf of 219 members under her leadership.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture sent certificates to the Fair Board, recognizing Hollis and Assistant Treasurer Beryl Kammer as Volunteers of the Year. Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore made the presentations.



PRIZE PROVIDER – Manager Bill Vonderheid accepted a certificate on behalf of Continental Rental for prizes donated to a state dinner.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR – Crawford County Fair Board Vice President Sharon France (far left) looks on as County Clerk Sandra Moore (left center) presents Department of Agriculture Volunteer of the Year Awards to Fair Board Assistant Treasurer Beryl Kammer and President Judy Hollis.



MEN ONLY – The Grayling Eagles were recognized for their monetary contribution, with President Dennis Williamson accepting.



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(Above) Varsity Coach Rich Moffit held a meeting with the parents of the GHS players after the scrimmages, discussing the importance of family and school, in addition to the GHS basketball program in general. Moffit was pleased with the size of the crowd, stating that it was the biggest he'd seen for a Meet the Team Night.

Seven Grayling basketball teams and the GMS and GHS cheer squads put on a show last Friday at the annual Meet the Team Night.

Four basketball scrimmages were featured: 7th grade green vs. 7th grade white, 8th grade green vs. 8th grade white, JV vs. freshmen, and a varsity scrimmage event.

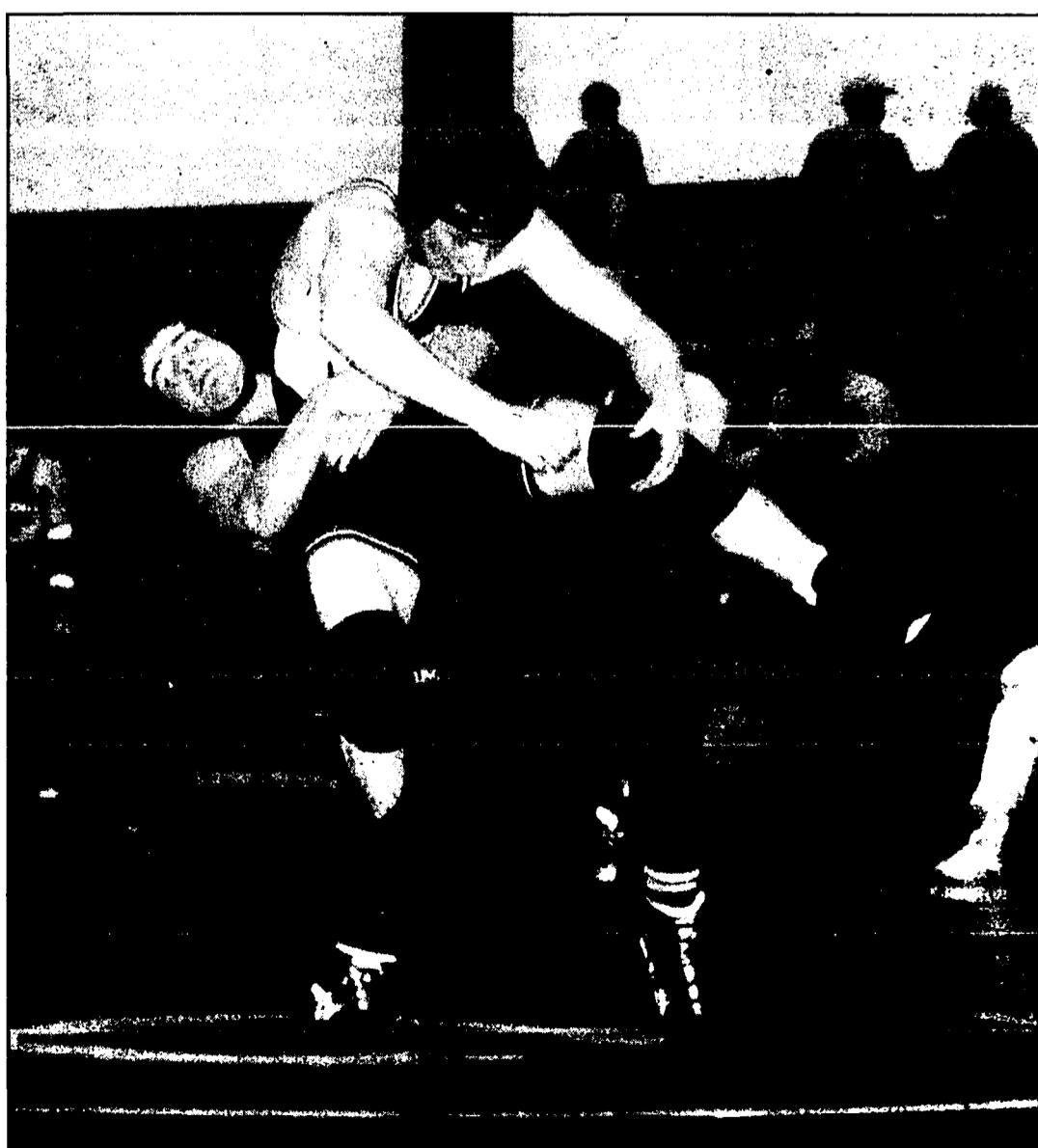
Also, each cheer team performed in between games for the sizeable crowd on hand.

The Meet the Team activities were preceded by a spaghetti dinner, which was organized by the Spirit Club to raise money for the basketball programs.



(Above) The JV team huddles around Coach Butch Hayes. (Left) The GHS JV and varsity cheer teams combine for a routine.

Wrestling team opens season



Viking wrestler Josh Niederer heaves his opponent off the mat in the team's opening meet of the season, which was held last Thursday at Grayling High School. For more on the wrestling team, see Page 3B.

Photo by Linda Golnick

Where's the snow?

► *Snowmobile association is ready for winter, anxious for snow*

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Once again, members of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) are anxiously waiting for snow. After a slow-starting winter last year, the association is again frustrated by a lack of snow this season, with dirt, grass and leaves still showing almost two weeks into December.

While many of us may be enjoying the mild weather conditions (mild by northern Michigan standards), lack of snow means lack of revenue for area businesses that rely on snowmobiler dollars.

"We need snow," said AVSA President Rich Filley, "and we need it bad."

Filley noted that a recent study by the Michigan Tourism Association revealed snowmobiling was the second largest income-generating sport in the state last year. Only golf took in more.

"People don't realize how much money snowmobilers bring in," he said.

Lack of snow isn't the only factor creating financial concerns for the AVSA this year. Also complicating matters this season are funding issues with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The AVSA, which has contracts with the DNR to groom five of the county's major snowmobile trails,



Six AVSA members spent over 200 hours out the trails this fall, getting the snowmobile paths ready for snow-fall by brushing, clearing and grading. Members also took part in a forest clean-up effort this spring, removing all sorts of illegally dumped items from the woods.

had to settle for a significantly shortened contract this year due to state funding appropriations.

Currently the AVSA has a contract for only eight weeks of grooming on its five trails (50 miles), half of the usual 16 weeks. The AVSA

could get the other eight weeks back if the legislators in Lansing approve the appropriation, but if not, the association and those who ride the AVSA-maintained trails could be

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See "Snowmobile association..."

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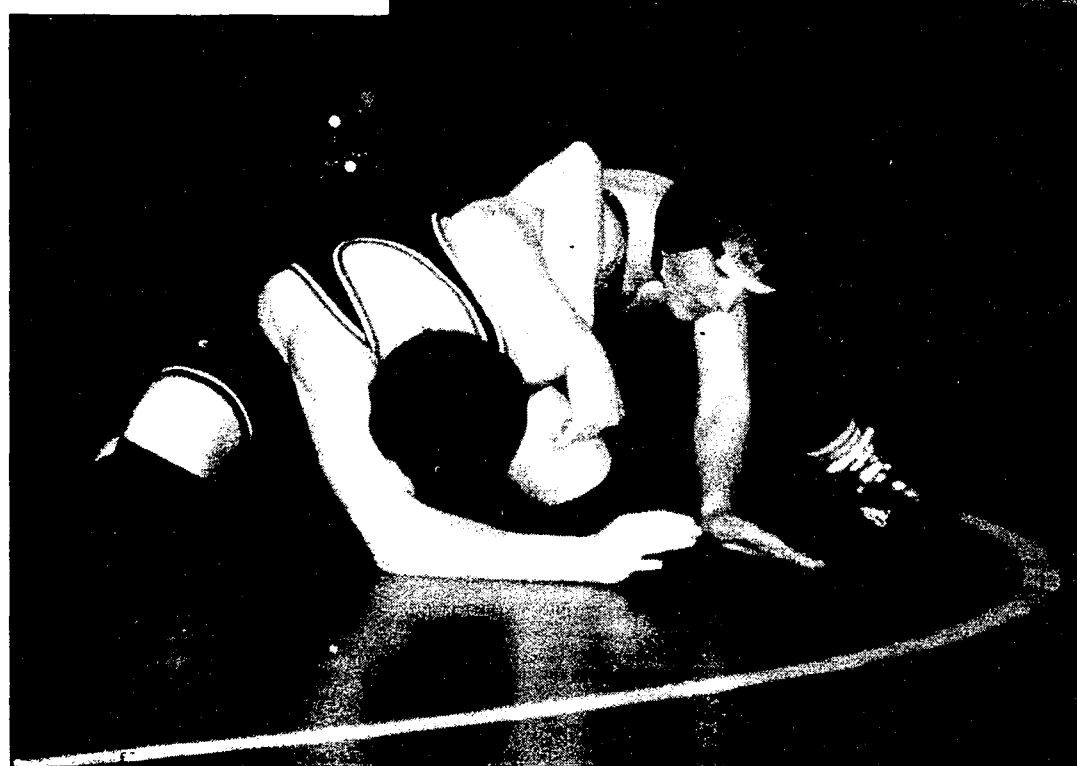
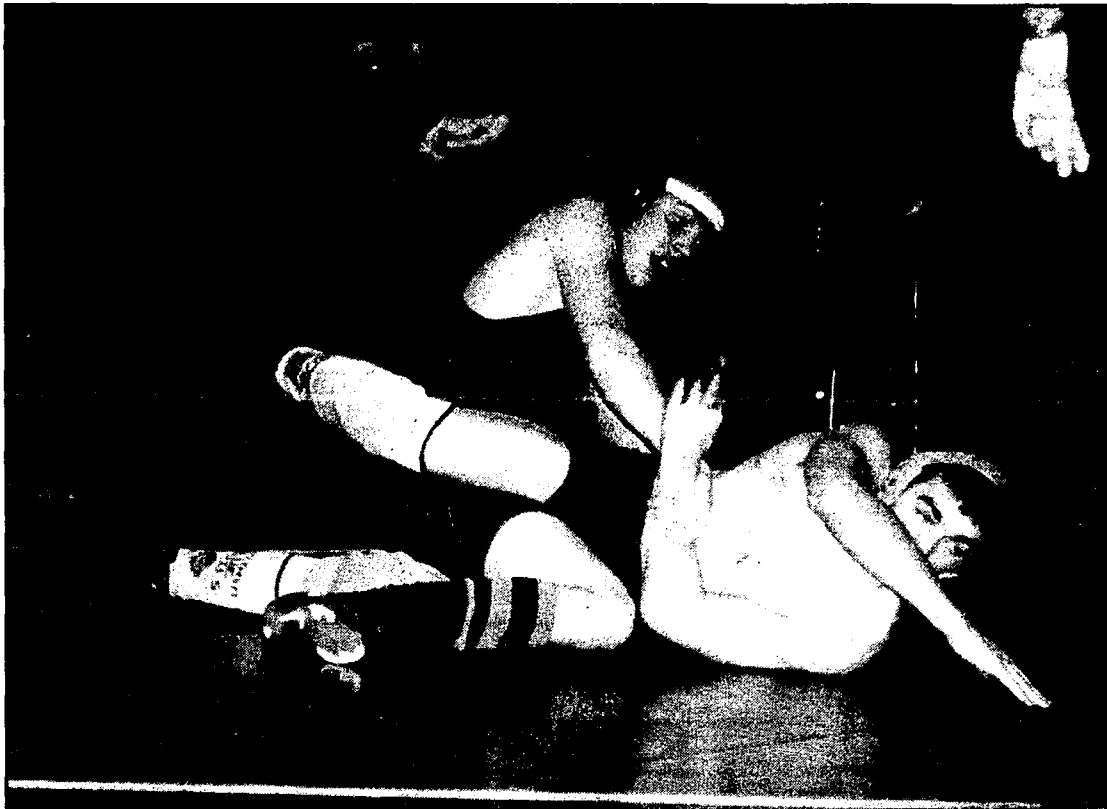
The GHS wrestling team opened its '99-00 season last Thursday, with a home meet against Gaylord and Whittemore Prescott.

Grayling lost by a large margin to a powerful WP team. Josh Niederer scored the only team points for GHS with a pin.

The Vikings fared better against Gaylord, but lost that competition as well by a score of 51-24.

Scoring points for Grayling were: Andy Palmer (pin); Niederer (pin); Matt Evon (decision); Chris Peters (decision); and Victor CdeBaca (pin).

The Vikes will head to Petoskey this Thursday, and will take part in the Mason County Invitational on December 11. The next home meet for Grayling will be on Thursday, December 16, at 6 p.m.



(Above) Matt Evon controls a Gaylord opponent at the meet in Grayling last Thursday. (Left) Josh Niederer applies pressure to a WP wrestler. Niederer scored pins against both Gaylord and WP last week. Evon and Niederer each have over 100 career high school wrestling wins, and Evon owns the single season win record at GHS.

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Snowmobile association is ready for snow

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out of luck, depending on weather conditions.

"If we get eight solid weeks of snow, we will only have enough money to do each trail four times a week. Last year we did each trail five or six times," Filley said. "This could have a serious impact on the condition of trails out there."

"The money is there, they just have to appropriate it," he added. "If we don't get it, it could be a short grooming season."

Filley urges area snowmobile enthusiasts to contact Rep. Ken Bradstreet (or other local representative if not from Crawford County) regarding the funding appropriation issue.

On the plus side of the financial picture, the association is currently wrapping up the final phases of its '99-00 Grayling Area Snowmobile Map, a big source of revenue for the AVSA.

The map includes points of interest for both winter and summer recreation, and of course, has the locations of area snowmobile trails. This year's AVSA map should be available in mid-December.

"The map's a big money-maker for us," said Filley. "It really is what helps keep us going. The snowmobile trail operation in theory should pay for itself, but it just doesn't work out that way."

Trail grooming can be an expensive operation. The AVSA has two machines going during the winter, a Holland tractor equipped with drag



The AVSA's trail-grooming tractor uses a drag (above), which the association customized by installing a sign with the AVSA's motto: "Volunteers for better trails."

and a Tucker Snowcat.

In addition to the costs of maintaining the association's machinery, the AVSA loses a significant chunk of money on signs every year, due to thefts.

"We have found big piles of our signs out in the woods that people have taken out," AVSA members reported. "It's costly. 'Stop' signs are the biggest."

One expense the AVSA does not currently pay is labor for their grooming operators. The association members that work on the trails are strictly volunteers, though Filley

hopes the AVSA will eventually have the funds to pay them.

Six of the association volunteers have spent over 200 hours this fall preparing the trails for winter. Brushing, clearing, and grading the trails before snowfall helps with grooming once the snow hits, members said.

The AVSA is always looking for new members, both for working on trails or just to provide input at association meetings. If interested, show up at a meeting, members said.

The AVSA meets the first Thursday of each month at the Oak

Room of the Grayling Holiday Inn at 7 p.m. The next meeting will be on January 6.

"Next meeting we're going to be riding here on our sleds," AVSA members said enthusiastically.

For more information on the AVSA, check out the association's web site, which was just established this October.

The site includes pictures, a trail map, a copy of the AVSA newsletter, and an application for membership.

The address is:
<http://avsasnow.server101.com>

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Game #1 Lange Vending 77 - Charles Plumbing 58

Lange - Longendyke 25, Donahoe 16

Charles - Madsen 19, Ed Baynham 12, Adam Baynham 11

Game #2 Thermogas 71 - Holiday Inn 52

Thermogas - Patterson 17, Williams 15, Mann 11

Holiday Inn - Mead 14, Neilsen 10

Game #3 Sawmill 72 - Margretheville 49

Sawmill - Burrell 15, Dent 14, Doremire 10

Margretheville - Ruddy 23, Trenary 10

Game #4 Spikes 59 - Glen's Market 45

Spikes - Krey 17, Davis 14, Juntilla 11

Glen's - White 14, Grant 13, Northrup 10

Standings

Lange Vending	2 - 0
Sawmill	2 - 0
Spikes	2 - 0
Holiday Inn	1 - 1
Thermogas	1 - 1
Glen's Market	0 - 2
Charlie's Plumbing	0 - 2
Margretheville	0 - 2



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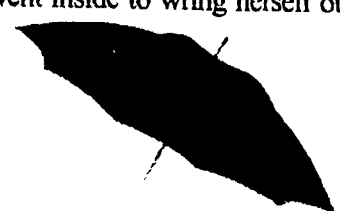
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BOWLING LEAGUE

American Men's

CSI Ind Sys 54 - 30
Stake-Out Steak House 48 - 39
McLean's ACE 45 - 39
Forrest Bros. 43 - 41
Helsel Forest Products 41.5 - 42.5
Moore's Automotive 40.5 - 43.5
Fentons Auto 36 - 48
Upper Lakes Tire 28 - 56
High Game: D. Canfield, 242; J. Helsel, 235; P. Nunn, 231.
High Series: J. Helsel, 660; D. Canfield, 601; Lar. Davis, 597.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Sledheads of Frederic 30 - 22
Aunt Betty's 29 - 23
Charlie's Country Corner 29 - 23
Moshier Auto Repair 27 - 25
R. Calkins & Sons 26 - 26
Fick & Sons 15 - 37
High Game Men: J. Campbell, 220.220; C. Hanson, 214; S. Green, 194.
High Series Men: J. Campbell, 576; D. Wallace, 558; S. Green, 540.
High Game Women: K. Moshier, 203; K. Trudeau, 178; M. Moshier, 177.
High Series Women: K. Moshier, 523; M. Moshier, 502; K. Trudeau, 498.

National First

Century 21 62 - 22
Hellebuyck Masonry 50 - 34
Faustman's Insurance 42 - 42
Northern Whitetail 41 - 43
Grayling Ford 40 - 44
Forest Brothers 37 - 47
Swamp II 34 - 50
Guns & Grubs 30 - 54
High Game: M. Barr, 266; T. Kotrash, 263; M. Ashworth, 234; T.

Sheldon, 234.

High Series: M. Barr, 654; D. Walker, 637; T. Kotrash, 620.

Northwood

American Legion 31 - 21
Rochettes 31 - 21
Red Barn 28.5 - 23.5
Shady Acres Party Store 27.5 - 24.5
Darrell's Roofing 24.5 - 27.5
R & M Masonry 24.5 - 27.5
Pro Tree 21 - 31
R. Calkins & Sons 20 - 32
High Game: S. Romain, 205; N. Glasslee, 204; J. Hinds, 200.
High Series: N. Glasslee, 573; S. Romain, 539; J. Hinds, 538.

Pioneer

Chemical Bank 34 - 14
Millikins 32 - 16
Custom Interior 27.5 - 20.5
Lady Slippers 24 - 24
Aunt Betty's 22 - 26
Ginger's 20.5 - 29.5
Avalanche 18.5 - 27.5
Lucky Strikers 13.5 - 34.5
High Game: M. Kroell, 215; S. Sumner, 210; M. Moshier, 209.
High Series: S. Sumner, 558; K. Trudeau, 523; M. Moshier, 518.

Recreation

Gray Rock Café 28 - 16
Glen's Market 25.5 - 18.5
Tri★County Meats 24 - 20
Mark 8 23 - 21
Mickey Perez CPA 20 - 24
Peterson Saw Service 18 - 25
Scheer Motors 17.5 - 26.5
High Game: S. Sumner, 200; M. Perez, 194; D. Lobsinger, 181.
High Series: S. Sumner, 557; M.

Perez, 525; B. Wheeler, 493.

Senior Citizen League

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us 33 - 15
Baynham Wood Prod. 30 - 18
Sylvester's Sports 29 - 19
Friends & Co. 25.5 - 22.5
Buccilli's Pizza 22 - 26
Tri★County Meats 21 - 27
Cornell Realty 16 - 32
Flowers By Josie 15.5 - 32.5
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 204; P. Mead, 187; K. Harris, 184.
Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 543; D. Germain, 490; L. Essiambre, 482.

Women's High Game: V. Westover, 180; J. Miller, 175; P. Essiambre, 173.

Women's High Series: V. Westover, 497; M. Rysso, 484; M. Frankenfield, 428.

Sunday Night Mixed

Waste Management 40 - 16
R & M Masonry 32 - 24
McDonalds of Gaylord#2 28 - 28
Citgo 28 - 28
Custom Interior 26 - 30

Sylvesters 26 - 30
McDonalds of Gaylord#1 23 - 33
Wakeley's Auto Parts 20 - 36
Men's High Game: R. Adkinson, 232; R. Hinds, 220; R. Moshier, 214.
Men's High Series: R. Adkinson, 623; R. Moshier, 540; B. Starks, 535.
Women's High Game: S. Romain, 193; S. Sumner, 186; K. Moshier, 180.
Women's High Series: S. Sumner, 536; K. Moshier, 517; S. Romain, 506.

Triangle

Moshier Auto 36 - 16
Tri★County Meats 31 - 21
McDonald's 28 - 24
Johnson 21 - 31
Gray Rock Café 20 - 24
High Game: T. Everly, 235; M. Sumner, 204; T. Coors, 199.
High Series: T. Everly, 554; T. Coors, 542; M. Sumner, 531.

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Strike Force 17 - 11
Snipers 16 - 12
Reserves 16 - 12
Peace Keepers 14.5 - 13.5
Gunners 13.5 - 14.5
G.I.'s 13 - 15
Equalizers 12 - 16
Green Berets 10 - 18
High Scratch Game: Male - T. LaMotte, 189; Female - K. Davis, 134.
High Scratch Series: Male - C. Brown, 504; Female - K. Davis, 368.
Most Pins over Average: Male - K. Roman, 51; Female - M. Skagerberg, 37.
Most Pins over Series: Male - C. Brown, 93; Female - A. Yanniello, 75.

Navy

Submariners 23 - 31
Merchant Marines 18.5 - 5.5
Captains 13 - 11
Seabees 12 - 12
Destroyers 9 - 15
Seals 7.5 - 16.5
Sailors 7 - 17
Anchors 6 - 18
High Scratch Game: Male - W. Coe, 147; Female - T. Davis, 110.
High Scratch Series: Male - J. Hagerman, 270; Female - S. Wilkerson, 184.
Most Pins over Average: Male - W. Coe, 60; Female - A. Marculewicz, 26; T. Davis, 26.
Most Pins over Series: Male - T. Jackson, 6; A. Lester, 2.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Sawmill II 84
Frederic Inn 73
Plaza 57
Spikes 67
Swamp 57
Legion 47
Sawmill I 46
8 Ball on Break: Rene S. of Spikes; 6 Ball Run: Denise B. of Spikes; 5 Ball Run: Barb W., Cindy P. and Patsey P. of Sawmill II
Won All 6 Games: Barb W. &

Men's Standings

Patsey P. of Sawmill II 77 - 67
Plaza 76 - 68
Legion 75 - 69
Saw Mill 75 - 69
Margretheville I 75 - 51
Gray Rock 63 - 81
Frederic Inn 62 - 64
Margretheville II 58 - 86
8 Ball on Break: Tom of Plaza and Dennis of Sawmill
8 Ball Run: Scott of Margretheville I and Bernie of Plaza

LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert Near and Victoria Near, Husband and Wife, of Roscommon, Michigan (Mortgagors) AAA Mortgage and Financial Corporation (Mortgagee) dated February 12, 1996, and recorded February 16, 1996, in Liber 407, Page 340, Crawford County Records, and was assigned by an assignment to Beneficial Michigan, Inc., dated February 20, 1996 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on February 28, 1997 in Liber 425, Page 615, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$42,643.47 including interest at the rate of 12.250% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of January, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees

allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

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Tax ID #062-027-003-020-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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ACC331	Taxation II	Tuesday
CIS101*	Computer Information Processing	Tuesday
MGT441	Diversity in the Workplace	Tuesday
SOC360	Work, Life and Soul	Tuesday
COM122	College Writing II	Wednesday
MGT331	Small Business Management	Wednesday
MKT301	Principles of Marketing	Wednesday
MKT356	Marketing Communications	Wednesday
COM212	Introduction to Speech	Thursday
ECO201	Macroeconomics	Thursday
MGT400	Leadership	Thursday
ACC235*	Accounting App./Micro. (5 wks)	Thursday
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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 8th day of November 1999 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown at 7:30 p.m.
Members Present: Wyman, Banda, Hayes, Palmer, Brown.

Members Absent: None.
Also in Attendance: Terry McGregor, Acting City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Joe Fremont, Monte Burmeister, Jill Wyman, Dennis Palmer, Skylyn Palmer, Dave Sabin, Bob Bovee, Fay Bovee, Russ Stevens, Roger Palmer, Chad Beckett, Laurelee Respecki, Gerald Respecki, Caleb Casey, Al Somero, Judy Ahns, Bob Ahns, Michele Butzin, Dennis Long, Robert Butzin, Kathy Bourrie, Steve Southard, Gary McConnell, Lynn McConnell, Michael Ketchum, Rusty Strohpaui.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown introduced new members of the City Council Dave Wyman, Brian Banda and Jerry Hayes.

Nomination for Mayor. Brown nominated Marilyn Palmer for Mayor, supported by Hayes. Voice vote for Mayor. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0.

Nomination for Mayor Pro-Tem. Palmer nominated D.J. Brown for Mayor Pro-Tem, supported by Banda. Voice vote for Mayor Pro-Tem. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0.

Moved by Brown, supported by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of October 25, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Communications were received and noted.
a. C.I.A. Minutes of October 18, 1999. Ms. McGregor gave Council a report of this meeting. Two important items discussed. #1. Council to confirm Dept. 294. Community Promotion be under control of C.I.A. Board for FY 2000-2001. #2. Snow removal of sidewalks and downtown.

Moved by Brown, supported by Wyman that there is money available for the C.I.A. in this year's budget which can be used subject to Council approval. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Council agreed that more information is needed regarding snow removal from the sidewalks in the city and will discuss at a later meeting.

b. Grayling Police Report for October 1999.

c. Letter written from October 25, 1999 Meeting.
1. DTE Energy Marketing re: Franchise.
2. Ken Bradstreet re: Council opposing HB 4777.

d. 911 October 1999 Report.
e. Grayling Housing Commission report on their "Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy" for Council information. Mr. Quigley would be available to Council for questions.

Old Business. None.

New Business.
a. Dave Sabin on Zoning request for lot split. Mr. Sabin reported to Council information on a lot split request from Mr. and Mrs.

Respecki. Property in question is on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Erie Street. After much study he recommended a lot split as it is a unique piece of property, not the regular shape or size of a standard lot in the city. 99-117

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to approve lot split because of the unique size of the property in question and for house only to be built on the property if side and front set backs can be met after visual review of Council. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Mr. and Mrs. Respecki will be informed of decision of Council on Wednesday.

b. Joe Fremont - Labor Relations for M.M.L.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Brown for Council to enter into Executive Session with Mr. Fremont to discuss labor negotiations at 8:18 p.m. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Moved by Brown, supported by Banda to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. and to continue with the regular meeting. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

c. City Manager Applications. Interviews to be held in open meetings. Council set a Special Meeting for Wednesday, November 17, 1999 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers to review applications and select candidates to be interviewed.

d. Fire Department truck request.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Brown to purchase a much needed pick-up truck for the Fire Department contingent upon approval from the Grayling Township Board for their share of the cost. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. None.

Reports of Acting City Manager.

a. The Tiger Cubs. Den 2 Pack 3993, called and asked if they could rake the park. They did a great job and deserve recognition from this Council. Mike Dunkel is the Den Leader. Terry Wright agreed to take the leaves at their site. Thank you to them also.

b. Met with General Contractor and hope to have bids by the end of next week for renovations to city hall. Then we can begin work on new lease agreement with the State.

c. Permit has been applied for a septic and drain field for the library and removal of septic pipe to be completed this fall.

d. Chamber of Commerce has requested a representative for the city to come to the November 17, 1999 meeting, 7:30 a.m., to address the current projects of the city. Mayor Palmer agreed to attend this meeting as the Acting City Manager will be out of town for the day.

e. Christmas lights should be started today and up by the 11th of November.

f. Railroad Crossing, the asphalt is done, will be finished in the spring.

g. Secretary has been hired for the Police/Fire Department. Mary Raymond will be starting on Wednesday, November 10, 1999.

h. M.M.L. Regional Officer will be needed to replace Robert Golinick's position on the board. We can either choose someone from the council or M.M.L. will replace him. Mayor Palmer will call the M.M.L. office for information on this position.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Wyman asked about the renovation of

city hall for the State Police. How soon this was going to start and if the city offices had a place to relocate. Ms. McGregor said as soon as we heard back from the contractors we would be meeting with the State Police for lease agreement. We have a few options of where the city hall could relocate, this will be discussed as soon as we have more information.

Adjournment.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Banda that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Terry McGregor
Acting City Manager

SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of November 17, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Lynette Corlew, at 9:44 a.m. in the County Building on November 17, 1999.

Roll Call: Corlew, Wieland, Golinick, Hanson, Pinkelman and Beard-lee.

Absent: None.
Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present.
Paul Compo - County Controller - Present.

There were also other visitors present.

--Approved the Minutes for the October 20, 1999 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

--Approved the Minutes for the October 18, 1999 Special Board Meeting as submitted.

--Approved the Minutes for the October 25, 1999 Special Board Meeting as submitted.

--Requested the Building Authority proceed with seeking realistic cost estimates to convert the old Sheriff's garage attached to the county building. This to include a Judge's chamber, secretarial office and water closet as presented by the Building Authority.

--Requested the Controller proceed immediately with sidewalk repairs including handicap ramps (estimated by the Authority at \$1,500) to be taken from the Building and Grounds maintenance line item.

--Requested the Controller seek block grants or other funding for installation of an elevator so the entire county building can be utilized. (The Authority will continue working with NEMCSA on funding avenues and seek costs involved.)

--Adopted an "Opt Out" resolution electing to have the State of Michigan foreclose property forfeiting to the County Treasurer pursuant to section 78 (3) of Public Act No. 206 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1893, as amended.

--Adopted the resolution of concurrence with the 1999/2000 Northeast Michigan Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Report.

--Approved to comply with the new payroll program effective January 1, 2000 and run the Commissioners pay on a biweekly schedule to prevent extra work for the payroll clerk.

--Approved the report and payment of the following vouchers: General fund - Mileage and expense reimbursement for Duran, mileage for Callewalt, Pratt and Compo, mileage and seminar for Valentin, per diem for Leonard, mileage and training for Hunter, prepaid vouchers, and open invoices on the November 5, 1999 report amended as follows - \$5.90 mileage for Jury Commission.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING FACT FINDING ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY

The Road Commission for Crawford County will be holding a Special Meeting December 10th, 1999 @ 10:00 am at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI, 49738-0648.

Purpose for the meeting is for Labor Negotiations with Fact Finder.

Notice posted 11-30-99

ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Truck Driver
Heavy Equipment Operator
Mechanic (afternoon shift)

The Road Commission for Crawford County is seeking candidates for the positions of Truck Driver, Heavy Equipment Operator and Mechanic (afternoon shift).

Minimum requirements are graduation from High School or equivalent. Current Commercial Drivers License A. with air brakes and N & T endorsements with a good driving record.

Employment application and/or resumes will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. December 17, 1999 at the Road Commission office at 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan. Resumes can be mailed to the attention of the Managing Director at the address below.

Road Commission for Crawford County
500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained at the above address. The Road Commission for Crawford County is an equal opportunity employer.

\$14,16 mileage from Building Authority and \$4,938.63 service reimbursement from accounts payable in the amount of \$182,597.34; D.A.R.E. Fund - prepaid voucher in the amount of \$52.21; Environmental Control Fund - mileage for Merrill and open invoices from the November 5, 1999 report in the amount of \$3,162.91; Fish Fund - prepaid voucher in the amount of \$82; Central Dispatch fund - prepaid invoice and open invoices from the November 5, 1999 report in the amount of \$575.80; FOC Fund - prepaid invoice in the amount of \$16,216 and Remonumentation Fund - prepaid invoice in the amount of \$5,375.

--Accepted correspondence as submitted.
--Approved to authorize the Controller to proceed with financing the 911 phone equipment through GTE with a cap of 6.01% interest rate.

--Adopted the policy statement for all Board Applicants as submitted by County Controller.

--Adopted the Resolution to Amend the Final Plan to allow the County to collect an administrative charge to implement the Wireless Service for Crawford County.

--Approved to enter into the Emergency Management Assistance Agreement between the County of Crawford and the Emergency Management Division Seventh (7th) District.

--CONSENSUS of the Board to set a Judicial Committee Meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 1999 at 8 a.m.

--Approved to forward a letter to be printed in the "First 100 Years" Historical Book.

--CONSENSUS of the Board to request Mr. Strey, from Alternatives to Drugs Programs to attend the committee meeting of December 9, 1999 or submit more information for the Board.

--Requested the Prosecutor seek an Attorney General opinion relative to the incompatibility of a member serving on both the County and Township Planning Commission. To forward a courtesy copy to the Planning Commission and Beaver Creek Township.

--Approved to allow Controller Compo to retain Per Diem from Michigan Participation Plan for services rendered on the Personnel Committee.

--CONSENSUS to allow the Controller to review and rewrite County Board rules and resubmit for consideration.

--Approved to adopt the State Tax Commission Resolution in recognizing the need to update the depreciation table by which personal property is assessed. To replace the personal property tax revenue lost under the new tables and distribute the replacement revenue in a manner consistent with the current distribution.

--Approved to appoint Tom Perry to the Road Commission for Crawford County Board position, to fill the vacant seat, term ending 12/31/2002.

Approved to hold the annual employee Christmas Party Wednesday, December 22, 1999 and close the Courthouse at 2 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.
Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special meeting held on the 17th day of November 1999 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 6 p.m.

Members Present: Wyman, Hayes, Palmer, Brown. Members Absent: Banda. Also in

Attendance: Terry McGregor, Acting City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Roy Knight, Chad Beckett, Bob Butzin, Mrs. Butzin, Dennis Long, Dennis Palmer, Roger Palmer, Betty CdeBaca, Bob Ahms.

This special meeting was called to discuss City Manager applications and labor negotiations.

Mayor Palmer suggested to council that they go into executive session to discuss a candidate who has requested confidentiality regarding his resume.

Moved by Hayes, supported by Brown to go into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss a candidate wishing confidentiality regarding his resume. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes to adjourn Executive Session at 7 p.m. and to resume the Special Meeting. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Mayor Palmer stated that there is some language clarification that needs to be solved on the union negotiations before signing. Dennis Long was present to explain questions that Council had.

Moved by Brown, supported by Wyman that the union contract is agreeable and to authorize signatures agreeing to the new language from Mr. Fremont subject to ratification by Union Local 214. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

City Manager Applications.
Discussion was held on questions to ask the potential candidates for the City Manager position. Require a degree, grant writing, being able to read and understand zoning questions, strong in budgeting, PR skills, etc.

The City Council has received 11 applications and went over the resumes. They will be interviewing 8 of the 11. Interviewing dates are as follows: Monday, November 22, 1999, Wednesday, December 1, 1999 and Monday, December 6, 1999. These meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Hayes to separate the City Manager and City Clerk duties. Ayes: 0, Nays: 4, Absent: 1, motion not carried.

The City Clerk is appointed by the City Manager. As Acting City Manager Terry McGregor appointed Kay Ellen King as City Clerk with Councils approval.

City Manager wages. City Council agreed that there be a \$45,000 minimum wage offered.

Mayor Palmer asked for a recess at 8 p.m., resumed meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Questions to be asked of the candidate, Ms. Palmers needs by noon on Saturday so they can be compiled for Monday night's meeting.

Moved by Wyman, supported by Hayes to adjourn the special meeting. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Terry McGregor
Acting City Manager

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas L. Ramsey a single man (original mortgagor) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgages, dated April 8, 1996, and recorded on April 24, 1996, in Liber 410 Page 317, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE AND 92/100 dollars (\$13,433.92) including interest at 10.200% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on January 5, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 11 and 11a, Manistee River Woods, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 16, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 24, 1999
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE
CALL:
248-593-1303

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, December 15, 1999, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

Case 99-1: Dale J. Smith, petitioner
1349 S. Otsego Ave.
Gaylord, MI 49735
Property Code: 20-040-44-030-04-020-03
Location: Part of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 30, T27N, R3W (5.82 Ac.)
Hartwick Pines Rd. (M-93)

A request to re-zone from (R-F) Recreational Forest to (C-1) General Commercial District.

Case files, zoning ordinance and maps are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours. Correspondence regarding the request may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 991112485
Ravens

-2-9-16-23

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage made by CARL E. ROACH and PAMELA K. ROACH, husband and wife, of 1851 Irene Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, Mortgages, to Ford Housing Finance Services, a division of Associates Housing Finance Services, Inc., and now known as ASSOCIATES HOUSING FINANCE LLC, Mortgagee, dated September 10, 1997, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on September 19, 1997, in Liber 438, Page 1854. By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elected to declare and by this Notice declares the entire unpaid amount of said Mortgage due and payable.

As of November 15, 1999, there is claimed to be due for principal, interest, and other charges collectible by Mortgagee under the Mortgage the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Five and 26/100 Dollars (\$65,385.26). No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part of said debt.

Notice is given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount, with interest as provided in said Mortgage and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before the date of sale, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public auction to the highest bidder at the Front Steps of the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, on Wednesday, December 29, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. The premises covered by said Mortgage are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, commonly known as 1851 Irene Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, and are legally described as follows:

Lot 88, AuSable Woods No. 4, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3240(8), unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 15, 1999

ASSOCIATES HOUSING FINANCE LLC, Mortgagee
McSHANE & BOWIE, P.L.C.
by Judy L. Walton,
Attorney for Mortgagee
99 Monroe Avenue, N.W.
Suite 1100
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503
(616) 732-5000

-24-2-9-16

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special meeting held on the 22nd day of November 1999 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Brown, Palmer, Wyman, Hayes, Banda.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Terry McGregor, Acting City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Dennis Palmer.

This meeting was called to interview three potential candidates for the position of City Manager. A list of questions were asked each candidate by Mayor Palmer with input from the rest of the Council.

Moved by Brown, supported by Banda to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Terry McGregor
Acting City Manager

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Road Commission for Crawford County will be holding a Public Hearing December 15, 1999 @ 2:30 pm at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648.

Purpose for the public hearing will be to address the selection of proposed projects of TEA 21 funding.

Upon completion the Board will take the recommended proposed projects to the Task Force for Consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Road Commission Office should any questions arise. Road Commission phone (517) 348-2281 or fax (517) 348-6933.

Prepared for the Road Commission for Crawford County.

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THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY

500 HURON STREET
P.O. BOX 648
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

2000 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE HELD AT THE ROAD COMMISSION OFFICE 10:00 AM

January 5, 2000
January 20, 2000
February 3, 2000
February 16, 2000
March 2, 2000
March 16, 2000
March 30, 2000
April 13, 2000
April 27, 2000
May 11, 2000
May 25, 2000
June 8, 2000
June 22, 2000

July 6, 2000
July 20, 2000
August 3, 2000
August 17, 2000
August 31, 2000
September 14, 2000
September 28, 2000
October 12, 2000
October 26, 2000
November 9, 2000
November 22, 2000
December 7, 2000
December 21, 2000

For: Raymond S. Swiercz, Chairman
Robert E. Nelson, Vice-Chairman
Thomas E. Perry, Commissioner

Adopted: Nov. 24, 1999 Meeting

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FOOTBALL CONTEST 1999-00

WEEK
14

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Game 2 _____		Game 9 _____		Game 16 _____	
Game 3 _____		Game 10 _____		Game 17 _____	
Game 4 _____		Game 11 _____		Game 18 _____	
Game 5 _____		Game 12 _____		Game 19 _____	
Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____		Game 20 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____			
Tiebreaker 1 game #1 _____		Tiebreaker 2 game #9 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #20 _____	

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

WEEKLY PRIZES

- Sports Cap--Scheer Motors
- Mystery Gift--Sylvester's
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Grayling Glen's
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Abel Auto Parts
- FREE 20lb. Propane Cylinder Fill-Up --Fick & Sons
- \$50 Gift Cert. --Continental Rental & Sales
- One free lunch, a \$8.95 value --Grayling Holiday Inn
 - Free lube, oil and filter
- Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc
 - \$50--Crawford County Avalanche
 - \$10 Gift Cert.--Riverland Gear
- \$5 Gift Cert. good on a 10" or 14" pizza --Buccilli's Pizza
- \$25 Gift Cert.--Comfort Center
- One House Specialty Burrito, a \$6.95 value --Gray Rock
- Free Single Combo Meal --Wendy's
- 3 FREE Games -- American Legion

Week #13 Winning Games

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| 1. Detroit (50) | 11. Oakland |
| 2. Indianapolis | 12. San Diego |
| 3. NY Giants | 13. New England |
| 4. Baltimore | 14. Tampa Bay (Mon.) |
| 5. Green Bay | 15. Miami (Fla.) |
| 6. Cincinnati | 16. Nebraska |
| 7. St. Louis | 17. Alabama |
| 8. Atlanta | 18. Illinois State |
| 9. Arizona (38) | 19. Florida A&M |
| 10. Kansas City | 20. Navy (28) |

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Dick Miller

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- 116 Entries

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17.) Carson-Newman vs NW Missouri St.



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19.) Pacific Lutheran vs Trinity



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5.) St. Louis vs New Orleans

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20.) Detroit vs Tampa Bay

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For The Week Of December 12-18

Aries
March 21-April 20
With the holidays getting closer, people's attitudes at work are changing. Some people are getting crabby; others are beginning to let work slide. It's up to you to balance the two sides and help them work together.

Taurus
April 21-May 21
Even though you're in the holiday spirit, don't spend too much. You may need some money for an unexpected expense at the end of the week. Homemade gifts are appreciated by everyone. Yours will be no exception.

Gemini
May 22-June 21
Don't blow a problem with a loved one out of proportion. It can be resolved fairly easily. Just stay away from advice from someone who knows you too well. Step away from a problem at work. Getting involved could pose you more problems.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
You made a mistake and left someone off your holiday card list. Think about those you sent to and those you did not. Romance is in the stars for you but only if you reach out. Go somewhere new this weekend.

Leo
July 23-August 23
Conserve some energy. You'll definitely need it as the holidays draw closer. It's going to be up to you to get the family together, so you have a lot of hard work ahead of you. Don't listen to an obstinate sibling--your ideas are good.

Virgo
August 24-September 22
Some good financial news may result in the holidays being much brighter for you. Your confidence will be restored at work with well-deserved praise or a hard-earned promotion. Grab your partner and live it up to celebrate the great news.

Libra
September 23-October 23
Don't miss out on a chance to impress your boss. It may just be a little thing, but you will shine big if you play your cards right. A group activity will be the highlight of your weekend. Enjoy yourself. Don't let personal problems creep in.

Scorpio
October 24-November 22
Shaky ground describes where your romance is this week. Maybe something you said was taken out of context. Work out the problem with a truthful explanation. Exciting preparations at home will make the week a little better.

Sagittarius
November 23-December 21
Set the record straight concerning a business matter before it's too late. You don't want to get blamed for something you didn't have any control over. Don't listen to an elderly relative concerning a family matter. He/she is out to start trouble.

Capricorn
December 22-January 20
You don't have much time to get your holiday shopping and decorating done. It's too late to do everything on your own, so enlist the help of some family members. Next year, maybe you should get started a little earlier.

Aquarius
January 21-February 18
Bringing the whole family together for a holiday celebration is a noble idea; however, it may not be such a good idea at this time. With problems cropping up throughout the family, this may not be the best time to get everyone together.

Pisces
February 19-March 20
Think long and hard before you buy that special friend a gift. Your first idea is not a good one considering what's been going on in his/her life. Don't forget a promise you made to spend time with a young relative during the holidays.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Harvest Pumpkin-Nut Muffins

12 muffins
1-2/3 cups all purpose flour
2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice*
1 tsp. baking soda
1/4 baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 thep. grated lemon peel (optional)
1 cup canned pumpkin
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 12-cup muffin pan or line with paper cupcake liners; set aside. In large bowl, combine flour, pumpkin pie

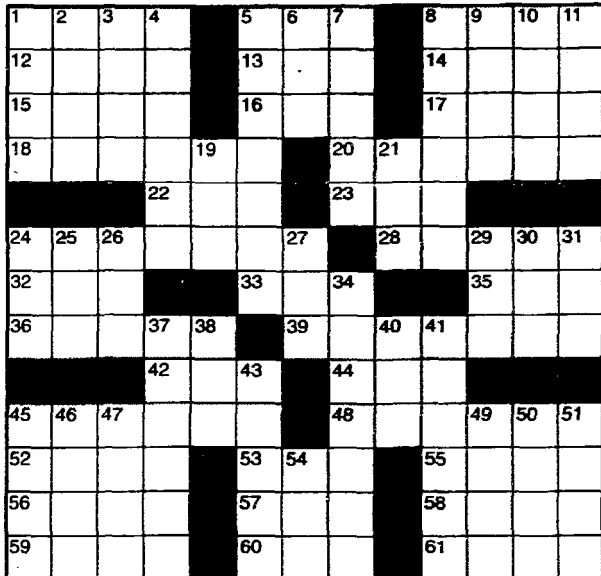
spice, baking soda, baking powder and salt; set aside. In large bowl, with electric mixer, beat butter and sugar on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Beat in eggs and lemon peel, scraping sides occasionally; beat in pumpkin. Gradually beat in flour mixture until blended. Stir in walnuts and raisins. Evenly spoon batter into prepared pan. Bake 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean. On wire rack, cool 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely.

*Pumpkin pie spice is sold in jars in the supermarket. You can create your own by mixing 2 tsp. ground cinnamon, 1 tsp. ground ginger, 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg or allspice and 1/4 tsp. ground cloves.



HOME NEEDED -Mixed breed male, approximately 1 year old, very friendly and housebroken. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

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- Adept
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ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

December 9, 1976

The new Bear Archery Catalog features Grayling residents Scott Olson, Gary Loose, Bill Stewart, Roger Hatfield, Ted Slack, Dan Walker and Kathy Apps.

Ronald J. Rakoczy has been named supervisor of operations for Michigan Consolidated Gas Company's Grayling service area.

Nels P. Olson spoke to the City Council as a representative of the Downtown Businessmen and asked if the parking meters could be covered for the holiday season or removed permanently. He cited customer anger over parking tickets. The City Council voted to cover the meters from December 5 to January 3.

The Grayling Kiwanis Club presented their Citizen of the Month Award to Whitey Robertson, who has lived and worked in Grayling since 1915. He retired in 1968 and at age 71 started working for the school as a crossing guard and has worked for the past five years.

April Rae Thayer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services from Ferris State College.

Raymond D. Elsey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Michigan State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith spent Thanksgiving with the Clyde Smith and George Ouvre families in Mancelona. From there they went on to Rapid River in the U.P. to spend the remainder of the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Gust Soderberg.

Decorations were put in place by city employees prior to the arrival of good ole St. Nick who arrived at the parking lot behind the Grayling State Bank. He passed out goodies to the many children who greeted him.

46 Years Ago

December 10, 1953

At a meeting of the officers and directors of the Grayling Winter Sports Park, Inc., plans were made to set up a ski school, training slope and an instructor for this year's operation.

City Manager Russell Carlson announced today that the City Council has decided to sponsor a Christmas home decorating and lighting contest in Grayling and the surrounding area.

Ten more Grayling men have signed the petition promising their moral and financial aid in giving Grayling a lighted recreation area in 1954. It was thought that some aid might come from the Michigan National Guard who are anxious to have a lighted area for softball games for the troops during encampment.

The Bear Archery Independents opened their home stand for the season at Grayling High Gym with a 66 to 60 victory over Curtis Distributing Co. of West Branch.

Today's local delivered price of the Buick Special 2-Door, 6 passenger sedan, Model 48D for \$2,229.88 at McEvers Motor Sales, phone 3621.

69 Years Ago

December 11, 1930

A couple of State Police slipped into town Tuesday afternoon and raided several Grayling businesses for slot machines.

Miss Hazel Cassidy has resumed her teaching duties in the first grade after a several week absence because of illness. Miss Eleanor Gorman filled Miss Cassidy's place during her absence.

Conservation officers located at Mackinac City report that up to December 1, 5,775 deer, 11 coyotes, 9 timber wolves, 47 bear and 8 bobcats were transported south.

Joseph L. Cassidy has taken over

the sales of the Simplex Mopping tanks and equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moshier, Sr. were agreeably surprised last evening when 35 of their friends went to their home to spend the evening. The Moshier family is leaving to spend the winter in Florida and their friends took this occasion to visit with them before their departure.

After a week of snowy weather attended by a freezing temperature, the weather has moderated and the warm sun is slowly melting the snow away.

All section men on the Lewiston and D. & C. branch have been discharged, which means that quite a number of men are without work.

Basketball season opened with Grayling High School defeating Atlanta 29 to 11. The Lumberjacks took the Atlanta Independents into camp 43 to 7 the same evening.

92 Years Ago

December 12, 1907

Mercury registered at two degrees below zero yesterday morning and we had about 3 inches of snow.

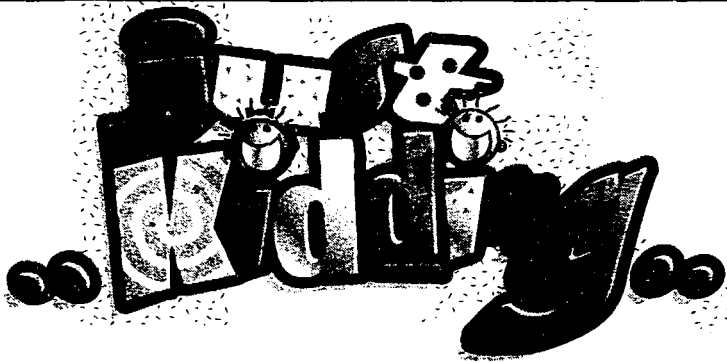
Our city fathers have installed 2 more street lamps on Michigan Ave. at the intersections of Peninsular Avenue and Cedar St.

Our County Game Warden, R. S. Babbitt, who is also deputy state game warden arrested a foreman of a lumber company on Thursday Bay River, and two other parties, one a state trespass agent on Black River, all for running dogs. All were convicted and fined.

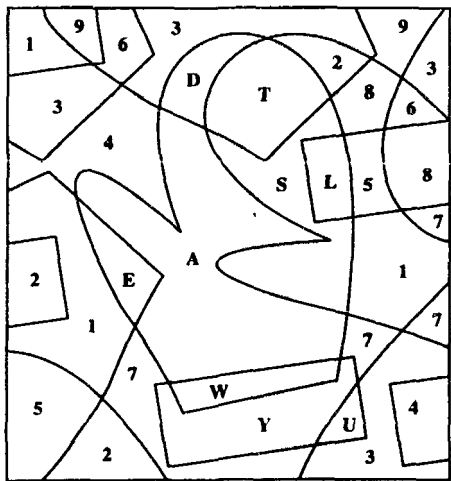
Edgar Dryer was with the Burkley baseball team during the season. Pitched 47 games with 5 losses.

Last Wednesday, Coyle's special wrecked the hand car on C. Harrison's section. No one was hurt.

The Farmers Institute was held last week for 2 days and Crawford County farmers won several prizes for their exhibits.



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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	8 a.m.	Rainfall
11/30	31	14	27	
12/1	40	26	33	
12/2	46	32	45	0.03"
12/3	50	43	43	0.50"
12/4	47	37	37	0.62"
12/5	37	26	26	0.01"
12/6	31	26	30	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:
Wednesday - partly sunny, with high of 40-45. Thursday - chance of rain, with a low of 30 - 35 and a high in the low 40's. Friday - chance of rain or snow, with a low in the low 30's and a high near 40. Saturday - chance of snow, with a low in the upper 20's and a high in the mid 30's.

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LOT FOR SALE 3/4 acres Grayling Estates or build to suit. License Builder. 517-348-5372 after 6 p.m. (-9-16-23-30/1)

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CLEAN, TWO BEDROOM with shed close to town. Washer, dryer hook up, cable TV available, natural gas, references, security required, no pets. \$375 517-348-8386 (-9-16/2)

DOWNTOWN BUILDING FOR RENT 227 Michigan Avenue. Approximately 4,000 square feet. Excellent business opportunity. Inquiries call 517-344-2222. (9/23/99tf/2)

2. For Rent

CABIN FOR RENT Sleeps four. call 517-348-8350. (10/14/99tf/2)

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for two bedroom apartments in the City of Grayling. Immediate occupancy available. No pets. \$410 month plus security deposit. Call Laurie or Kevin at Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 517-348-6481 for an application. (-9-16/2)

THREE BEDROOM HOME on Golfview Drive, Cable TV, stove and refrigerator furnished. Section 8 accepted, senior and two person discount. available now. \$550 per month. Also, late model 14 x 70 mobile home, three bedroom. Natural gas heat, Cable TV. Located in GME \$485 Section 8 accepted, single and senior citizen discount. Call Ron at 517-348-6761. (12/9/99tf/2)

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2. For Rent

NICE, CLEAN TWO BEDROOM on North Higgins Lake Rd. \$450 a month, first and last months rent, credit check. 517-939-8965 (-9-16/2)

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COMPLETELY RENOVATED 4 bedroom, 2 baths, two story home, just 2 blocks from downtown, schools and hospital. Ideal location for home office or services. Large kitchen, ceramic tile flooring, new cabinetry, built-in oven, range top, dishwasher, refrigerator, walk-in pantry, hardwood floors in living room, double set french doors, side doorwalks onto deck. Nicely landscaped, large shade trees and white picket fence. \$121,900 CH-920



NICE HOME IN THE CITY! New vinyl siding & roof, 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. with natural gas heat, new gas log fireplace in family room. Formal dining room, fresh paint throughout. Partial basement, 1 1/2 car attached garage. Fenced in yard, walkout patio door onto large deck with bench seating. Immediate occupancy. Reduced \$66,500 CS-837



DOUBLE CITY CORNER LOT. Located on corner of Ogden & Galen, Michigan Ave. 824 sq. ft. home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, knotty pine interior, natural gas heat, updated electrical and heating. 1 car detached garage. Very conveniently located. Immediate occupancy \$46,500 CH-932



VERY WELL MAINTAINED DUTCH MODULAR. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 2.37 acres. Complete with refrigerator, stove and dishwasher. Both front and rear decks for easy access. Cement patio for leisure and convenience. Peaked ceilings throughout. Detached 2 car garage, plus extra 8x12 storage shed. Reduced \$69,500 CS-988



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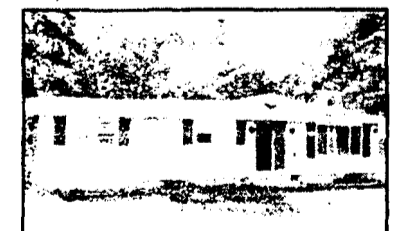
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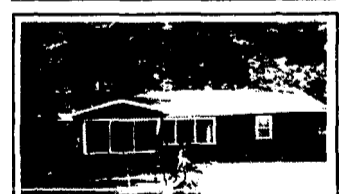
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COTTAGE ON BASS LAKE with 100 ft. of frontage. Features 1 1/2 bedrooms, knotty pine interior, ceramic tile, electric & plumbing, new 100 gallon hot water heater, and much more. Ideal location for water and snow enthusiasts. \$123,000 (KJ-1375)



BEAUTIFUL LARGE BRICK HOME on corner lot. This home offers original trim, 6 panel doors, wrap around front porch, wood floors, new wiring, central air, fireplace, crystal chandelier and full basement. \$114,900 (TV-1367)



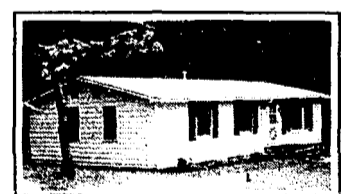
HALF LOG COTTAGE OR STARTER HOME. Ideal for that up north cabin or first home located on a paved county maintained road. Garage and enclosed porch. \$42,000 MLS# 9-2720



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JUST LISTED! Nice 3 bedroom home with attached garage. Home located on paved county maintained road. Under-ground electric with 220 hook up outside. Close to snowmobile trails. \$72,900 MLS# 9-3993



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GREAT LOCATION! Large older home in the city of Grayling. This home has 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large kitchen, dining room, living room, full basement, deck and garage. \$37,500 (BSO-1265)



CHARMING OLDER HOME IN THE CITY! Offers 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, updated kitchen, large rooms with 8 1/2 ft. ceilings, original wood molding throughout, basement, garage, new windows, new furnace, beautiful large covered front porch! Also available to rent! \$72,000 MLS# 9-2678



WELL CARED FOR OLDER HOME in the city. Features 4 bedrooms, original woodwork and ornate staircase and window seat, 8 ft. ceilings, walk-in closet, enclosed back porch, covered front porch, large shed. \$79,500 MLS# 9-2359

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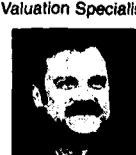
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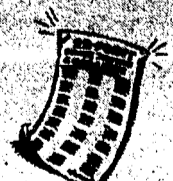
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2. For Rent

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NICE CLEAN HOUSE Gas heat. Two bedroom on E. M-72. Must have references. \$450 first and last plus deposit. Call 517-348-5428 (12/9/99)(f/2)

LARGE TWO BEDROOM HOUSE with garage. Total electric. \$500 plus utilities and small deposit. 517-348-2155 (-9/2)

VERY CLEAN ONE PERSON cabin, furnished. Just off E. M-72 close to store, new carpeting, gas heat. Must have references. \$350 first, last months rent; plus deposit. Call 517-348-5428. (12/2/99)(f/2)

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ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX APARTMENT in Roscommon. \$300 per month plus deposit. Includes snow plowing. Call Northwoods Rentals 517-275-5225. (12/2/99)(f/2)

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2. For Rent

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger St. in Roscommon has one, two and three bedroom units available. Rent based on income. Applications at office on site or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin St., Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-9-16-23-30/2)

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS 306 Knight Street in Grayling has one bedroom unit for immediate occupancy by qualified applicants. Persons must be 62 years or older, or handicapped and/or disabled of any age. Rent based on income with subsidy available. Barrier free apartments. Applications on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155 (-9-16-23-30/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT City of Grayling, two bedroom, 2 1/2 car attached garage, range, refrigerator, laundry room, large fenced in lot, utilities not included, no pets. 806 Elm St. \$465 month plus security deposit. 517-348-4716 (11/24/99)(f/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT Two bedroom, one bath, washer, dryer hookup. Refrigerator, range included, utilities not included. No pets. \$425 month plus \$425 security deposit. 6272 Old Lake Rd., Grayling. 517-348-4716 (10/21/99)(f/2)

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KITCHENETTES FOR RENT, everything included. Western Trails Motel. 517-348-7681 (-9-16/2)

NEWER THREE BEDROOM ranch style home, with two car attached garage. Sits on a large lot located in Sherwood Forest. Will be available December 15th. Rent \$600 plus deposit and references. *Immediately available. Call 517-348-7191/517-344-6201. (-2-9/2)

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TYPESETTER-PART-TIME. Must possess good typing skills with computer experience. Send resume and cover letter to: Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (12/9/99)(f/3)

ESTIMATOR Northern Michigan Industrial Equipment Company located in Grayling has opening for Estimator. Products are automation systems, material handling equipment, structural and industrial dust collection. Candidate must have either a minimum of two years of college, majoring in Business or Engineering as well as having at least five years of manufacturing or construction experience, or candidate must have a minimum of ten years of manufacturing or construction experience. The candidate must have skills in math and reading blue prints. Knowledge in computer word processing, electronic spreadsheets, databases, technical writing and customer communication will be helpful. All qualified applicants please reply to: RF, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-9-16/3)

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8. Announcements

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HANSON HILLS IS PLANNING a Grayling High School Ski Team Reunion to be held January 29, 2000. If you have any information regarding past skiers that may help, such as addresses and phone numbers please call 517-348-9266. (-9-16/8)

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8. Announcements

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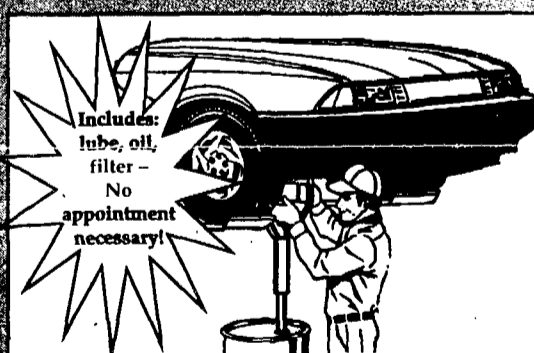
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